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Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

Adoption and Children Act Register

PROSPECTIVE

131 Supplementary

[^{F1}(1) In this group of sections—

[^{F2}(za) adoption agency” means—

- (i) a local authority in England,
- (ii) a registered adoption society whose principal office is in England,]

(a) “organisation” includes a public body and a private or voluntary organisation,

(b) “prescribed” means prescribed by [^{F3}regulations],

(c) “the register” means the Adoption and Children Act Register,

[^{F4}(ca) Welsh adoption agency” means—

- (i) a local authority in Wales,
- (ii) a registered adoption society whose principal office is in Wales.]

^{F5}(d)

^{F6}(e)

(2) For the purposes of this group of sections [^{F7}(except sections 125(1A) and 129(2A))] —

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- (a) a child is suitable for adoption if an adoption agency is satisfied that the child ought to be placed for adoption,
- (b) prospective adopters are suitable to adopt a child if an adoption agency is satisfied that they are suitable to have a child placed with them for adoption.

[^{F8}(2A) For the purposes of sections 125(1A) and 129(2A)—

- (a) a child is suitable for adoption if a Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish adoption agency is satisfied that the child ought to be placed for adoption,
- (b) prospective adopters are suitable to adopt a child if a Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish adoption agency is satisfied that they are suitable to have a child placed with them for adoption.]

(3) Nothing authorised or required to be done by virtue of this group of sections constitutes an offence under section 93, 94 or 95.

- ^{F9}(4)
- ^{F9}(5)
- ^{F9}(6)
- ^{F9}(7)]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 125-131 cease to have effect (S.) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 11(1)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F2** S. 131(1)(za) inserted (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(2)(a)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F3** Word in s. 131(1)(b) substituted (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(2)(b)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F4** S. 131(1)(ca) inserted (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(2)(c)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F5** S. 131(1)(d) omitted (13.5.2014) by virtue of Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(2)(d)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F6** S. 131(1)(e) omitted (13.5.2014) by virtue of Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(2)(d)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F7** Words in s. 131(2) inserted (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(3)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F8** S. 131(2A) inserted (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(4)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F9** S. 131(4)-(7) omitted (13.5.2014) by virtue of Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), s. 139(6), **Sch. 1 para. 8(5)**; S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; [S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2\(a\)](#))