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**2014 No. 1961 (C. 90)**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
PERSONS, ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Adoption and Children Act 2002  
(Commencement No. 12) Order 2014

Made - - - - 22nd July 2014

The Secretary of State for Education makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 148(1) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002<sup>(1)</sup>, after consultation with the Welsh Ministers<sup>(2)</sup> and the Scottish Ministers<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2014.

**Appointed day**

2. 25th July 2014 is the appointed day for the coming into force of sections 125 to 128, 129 and 131 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002<sup>(4)</sup>.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Education

22nd July 2014

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(1) [2002 c.38](#).  
(2) See section 148(2) of the Adoption and Children Act [2002 \(c.38\)](#) (“the Act”) and section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of, Schedule 11, to the Government of Wales Act [2006 \(c.32\)](#).  
(3) See section 148(4) of the Act.  
(4) Sections 125, 128 and 129 of the Act were amended by section 7 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Children and Families Act [2014 \(c.6\)](#) (“the 2014 Act”) and sections 126, 127 and 131 were amended by Schedule 1 to the 2014 Act.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is the twelfth Commencement Order made under the Adoption and Children Act 2002. Article 2 brings into force on 25th July 2014 sections 125 to 128, 129 and 131 of that Act. These sections provide for the establishment and maintenance of the Adoption and Children Act Register and extend to England and Wales.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 have been brought into force by Commencement Orders made before the date of this Order—

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 1	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 2(6), (7) and (8) partially, in relation to England	10 March 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 2(6), (7) and (8) partially, in relation to England	6 October 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 2(7) and (8) partially, in relation to Wales	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 2(6) in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 2 (to the extent not already in force)	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 3(3) and (4) partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 3(3) and (4) in relation to Wales	6 June 2005	2005/1206 (W.78) (C.54)
Section 3 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 4(6) and (7)(b) to (i) partially, in relation to England	10 March 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 4(6) and (7)(b) to (i) partially, in relation to England	6 October 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 4(6) and (7) in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 4(1)(b) and (5) partially, in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)

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	<i>Commencement</i>	
Section 4(6) and (7) in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 4(1)(b) and (5) partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 4 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 4 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 6 in relation to England	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 6 in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 7 in relation to England	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 7 in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 8 partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 8 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 8 in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 9 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 9 in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 10 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 10 in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 11 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 11 in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 12(1) to (3) in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 12(1) to (3) partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 12 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 12 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Sections 13 to 15 in relation to England	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)

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	<i>Commencement</i>	
Sections 13 to 15 in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 16 in relation to Wales	1 February 2003	2003/181 (W.31) (C.9)
Section 16 partially, in relation to England	25 February 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 16 partially, in relation to England	30 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 16 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Sections 18 to 26	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 27(3) in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 27(3) in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 27 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Sections 28 to 40	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 41 in relation to England and Wales	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Sections 42 to 43	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 44 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 44 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 45	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Sections 46 to 52	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 53(1) to (3) in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 53(1) to (3) in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 53 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 54 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 54 in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 55	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 56(1) and (3) in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 56 partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 56 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 56 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)

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Section 57(6) in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 57(5) partially, in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 57 partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 57 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 57 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 58(2) and (3) partially, in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 58 partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 58 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 58 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 59 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 59 partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 59 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 60(2) and (4) partially, in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 60(2) and (4) partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 60 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 60 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 61(5)(c) partially, in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 61(5) partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 61 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 61 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 62(7)(c) partially, in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 62(7) partially, in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)

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Section 62 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 62 in relation to Wales (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 63 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 63 in relation to England and as respects subsections (2) to (5) in relation to Scotland and Northern Ireland	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 64 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 64 in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 65 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 65 in relation to England and as respects subsections (2)(a) and (3) in relation to Scotland and as respects subsections (2)(b) and (3) in relation to Northern Ireland	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Sections 66 to 76	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 77(3) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 77 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 78(3) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 78 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 79(5) and (7) to (9) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 79 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 80(2), (4) and (6) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 80 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 81(4) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 81 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 82	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 83(1) to (7) and (9) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 83 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 84 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 84 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 85	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 86 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)

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Section 86 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 87(1)(b) and (4)	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 87(1)(a), (2), (5) and (6) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 87 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Sections 88 to 91	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 92 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 92 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 93	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 94(1) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 94 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Sections 95 to 97	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 98 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 98 in relation to England	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Sections 99 to 107	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 108	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Sections 109 and 110	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 111	1 December 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Sections 112 to 114	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 115 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 115 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 117 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 117 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 118	21 May 2004	2004/1403 (C.56)
Section 119 partially	30 January 2004	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 119 (to the extent not already in force)	1 April 2004	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 120	31 January 2005	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 121 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 121 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 122(1)(b) and (2)	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 122 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Sections 123 and 124 in relation to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 135	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)

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Section 137	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 138 in relation to England, Wales and Scotland	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 139(1) partially, in relation to Northern Ireland	3 February 2003	2003/288 (C.14)
Section 139(1) partially, in relation to England	25 February 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 139(1) partially, in relation to England	30 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 139(1) partially	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 139(1) partially, in relation to Wales	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 139(1) partially	1 December 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 139(1) partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Section 139(1) partially	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 139(1) partially, in relation England	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Section 139(1) partially, in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Section 139(2) partially, in relation to Northern Ireland	3 February 2003	2003/288 (C.14)
Section 139(2) partially	25 February 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 139(2) partially, in relation to England	10 March 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 139(2) partially	1 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 139(2) partially	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 139(2) partially, in relation to England	6 October 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Section 139(2) partially, in relation to England	1 December 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 139(2) partially, in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Section 139(2) partially, in relation to England	1 April 2004	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 139(2) partially	30 December 2005	2005/2897 (C.123)
Section 139(3) partially	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Section 139(3) partially	30 December 2005	2005/2897 (C.123)
Schedule 1		
Paragraphs 1 and 3 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Paragraphs 1 and 3 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 2 and 4 to 6	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Schedule 2		



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Paragraph 1 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Paragraph 1 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 2 to 4	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Schedule 3		
Paragraphs 1 to 5	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 6 and 7	1 December 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Paragraphs 9 to 12	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 13 in relation to England	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 13 in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Paragraphs 14 to 20	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 36 to 43	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 45 to 52	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 53	3 February 2003	2003/288 (C.14)
Paragraphs 54 to 59	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 60 partially	7 December 2004	2004/3203 (C.139)
Paragraph 60 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 61 to 64	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 65 in relation to England	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 65 in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Paragraphs 67 to 81	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 85 to 93	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 95 to 99	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 101 and 102	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 103 partially, in relation to England	25 February 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 103 partially, in relation to England	30 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 103 partially, in relation to Wales	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Paragraph 103 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 104	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 105 partially, in relation to England	25 February 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 105 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)

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Paragraph 105 in relation to Wales	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Paragraph 106 partially, in relation to England	25 February 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 106 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	30 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 106 in relation to Wales	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Paragraphs 107 to 109	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 110 partially, in relation to England	30 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 110 partially, in relation to Wales	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Paragraph 110 (to the extent not already in force)	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 111 to 113 in relation to England	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraphs 111 to 113 in relation to Wales	30 December 2005	2005/3112 (W.232) (C.134)
Paragraphs 114 to 117	30 December 2005	2005/2213 (C.92)
Paragraph 118	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Schedule 4		
Paragraphs 1 and 2	30 December 2005	2005/2897 (C.123)
Paragraph 3 partially, in relation to England	10 March 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 3 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	6 October 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 3 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Paragraph 4(1)	3 February 2003	2003/288 (C.14)
Paragraph 4(2)	25 February 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 5 partially, in relation to England	1 December 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Paragraph 5 in relation to England (to the extent not already in force)	1 April 2004	2003/3079 (C.117)
Paragraph 5 in relation to Wales	7 February 2004	2004/252 (W.27) (C.9)
Paragraphs 6 to 8	30 December 2005	2005/2897 (C.123)
Paragraph 10	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 11(a)	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 12 partially	1 April 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 12 partially	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraph 13	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)

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	<i>Commencement</i>	
Paragraph 14	1 June 2003	2003/366 (C.24)
Paragraphs 17 to 22	30 December 2005	2005/2897 (C.123)
Schedule 5		
Partially	28 November 2003	2003/3079 (C.117)
Partially	30 December 2005	2005/2897 (C.123)