

These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 27 April 2022

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 - Adoption

Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders

Section 34: Applications for adoption

Section 34 provides that where an application for an adoption order has been made and the application has not been disposed of, the child may only be removed by a person who has the leave of the court, or by an adoption authority or other person in exercise of a power conferred by any statutory provision (for example, for child protection purposes under the Children Order). Once an application for an adoption order has been made in respect of a child voluntarily accommodated under Article 21 of the Children Order, the provision in Article 22(2) of that Order allowing any person who has parental responsibility to remove the child at any time does not apply.