



Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 60

PART I

INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

7 Proof of documents and evidence.

- (1) For the purposes of Article 14 of the Convention a decision or determination of a judicial or administrative authority outside the United Kingdom may be proved by a duly authenticated copy of the decision or determination; and any document purporting to be such a copy shall be deemed to be a true copy unless the contrary is shown.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above a copy is duly authenticated if it bears the seal, or is signed by a judge or officer, of the authority in question.
- (3) For the purposes of Articles 14 and 30 of the Convention any such document as is mentioned in Article 8 of the Convention, or a certified copy of any such document, shall be sufficient evidence of anything stated in it.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 7](#) applied (with modifications) (1.3.1997) by [S.I. 1996/3156, art. 2, Sch.](#)
[S. 7](#) applied (with modifications) (2.12.1997) by [S.I. 1997/2574, art. 2, Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation:

Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, Section 7 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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):

- Sch. 3 para. 8(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3\(a\)](#)