

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002  
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

# **ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1 – Adoption**

#### ***Chapter 5 - The Registers***

#### ***Section 77: Adopted Children Register***

208. *Section 77* places a duty upon the Registrar General to continue to maintain the Adopted Children Register and provides for entries to be made in the register. *Subsection (2)* provides that the Adopted Children Register is not to be open to public inspection or search. *Subsection (3)* provides that entries may not be made on the Register unless they are made by adoption orders or by the amendment of adoption orders (*subsection (6)* and Schedule 1). *Subsection (4)* provides that a certified copy of an entry on the Register is evidence of an adoption to which it relates. *Subsection (5)* provides that where the birth information is contained in the Adopted Children Register, a certified copy of that entry is to be treated as a certified copy of an entry in the registers of live births.