

1976 No. 1796

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

## The Adoption Agencies Regulations 1976

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>27th October 1976</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>5th November 1976</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>26th November 1976</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Services in relation to England and the Secretary of State for Wales in relation to Wales, in exercise of their powers under section 30(1) and section 32(1) and (3) of the Adoption Act 1958(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and extent*

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Adoption Agencies Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 26th November 1976.

(2) These regulations shall not apply to Scotland.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) “the Act” means the Adoption Act 1958(a);

“the 1975 Act” means the Children Act 1975(b);

“adoption agency” means a registered adoption society or a local authority acting as an agency making or participating in arrangements for the adoption of children;

“case committee” means, as respects—

(a) a registered adoption society, the committee appointed for the purposes of considering any question relating to the adoption of a child; and

(b) a local authority, a committee set up by the Social Services Committee of a local authority for a similar purpose;

“registered adoption society” means an adoption society registered under section 30(1) of the Act;

“Wales” means the area consisting of counties established by section 20 of the Local Government Act 1972(c) (new local government areas in Wales), and

“England” does not include any area included in those counties.

All other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

(2) Any reference to an adoption order or a person proposing to adopt a child shall include reference to a provisional adoption order or a person proposing to apply for such an order.

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(a) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 5.

(b) 1975 c. 72.

(c) 1972 c. 70.

(3) Any reference in these regulations to a numbered regulation or schedule shall, unless the reference is to a specified regulation of or a schedule to a specified instrument, be construed as a reference to the regulation or schedule bearing that number in these regulations.

(4) Any reference in these regulations to any provision made by or contained in any enactment or instrument shall, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to that provision, as amended by any enactment or instrument and as including a reference to any provision which it re-enacts or replaces, or which may re-enact or replace it, with or without modification.

(5) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Registration, etc., of adoption societies*

3.—(1) An application by or on behalf of an adoption society to be registered under section 30 of the Act shall be made to the local authority in England or, as the case may be, in Wales in whose area the administrative centre of the society is situated.

(2) The application shall be in the form set out in Schedule 1, or in a form to the like effect, and shall furnish the information therein required.

4. A registered adoption society whose administrative centre is no longer situated in the area of the local authority which registered the society shall notify the local authority of the change.

5.—(1) Every registered adoption society, within twelve months of the date of registration and thereafter once in every period of twelve months, shall furnish to the local authority which registered the society—

- (a) the accounts of the society for that period duly certified by an auditor;
- (b) a return in the form set out in Schedule 2 or in a form to the like effect;
- and
- (c) a copy of the society's annual report.

(2) A person shall not be qualified to be an auditor of the registered adoption society unless he is either a member of one or more of the following bodies—

- (a) the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;
- (b) the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;
- (c) the Association of Certified Accountants;
- (d) the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland;
- (e) any other body of accountants established in the United Kingdom and for the time being recognised for the purposes of section 161(1)(a) of the Companies Act 1948(b) by the Secretary of State,

or a person who is for the time being authorised by the Secretary of State under section 161(1)(b) of that Act as being a person with similar qualifications obtained outside the United Kingdom.

(3) None of the following persons shall be qualified to be an auditor of the registered adoption society—

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(a) 1889 c. 63.

(b) 1948 c. 38.

- (a) an officer or servant of the said society;
- (b) a person who is a partner of or in the employment of an officer or servant of the said society;
- (c) a body corporate,

but a Scottish firm may act as auditor of the said society if, but only if, every partner of the firm is qualified so to act. References in this paragraph to an officer or servant shall be construed as not including references to an auditor.

*Composition of case committees*

6. A case committee shall consist of not less than three persons each of whom shall be competent to judge whether the proposed placing is likely to promote the welfare of the child, and, so far as practicable, shall include at least one man and at least one woman.

*Duties of adoption agencies in making arrangements for adoption*

7. An adoption agency proposing to make arrangements for a child's adoption—

- (a) shall secure that every parent or guardian is furnished with a memorandum in the form set out in Schedule 3 and signs and returns to the agency a certificate in the form set out in the said Schedule, or a form to the like effect, certifying that he has read and understood the said memorandum; and
- (b) shall, subject to section 3 of the 1975 Act (duty to promote welfare of child), at the request of the parents or guardian, provide them with the names and addresses of denominational agencies, if any, which might meet their wishes regarding the child's upbringing in a particular religious persuasion.

8. No child shall be placed by or on behalf of an adoption agency in the actual custody of a person proposing to adopt the child until—

- (a) the adoption agency has, so far as is reasonably practicable, ascertained the particulars set out in Schedule 4;
- (b) the adoption agency has obtained a report by a fully registered medical practitioner as to the health of the child in the form set out in Schedule 5, or in a form to the like effect;
- (c) the person proposing to adopt the child has been interviewed by or on behalf of the adoption agency's case committee;
- (d) the agency has made an assessment of the personality of the person proposing to adopt the child and of that person's attitudes to matters which would have a bearing on the person's suitability to bring up that child;
- (e) the agency has endeavoured to ascertain, where the persons proposing to adopt are a married couple, the state of the marriage, and, in particular, whether it has the stability which is likely to provide a sound basis for a secure parental relationship with an adopted child;
- (f) an inspection has been made, on behalf of the agency, of any premises in Great Britain in which the person proposing to adopt the child intends that the child shall have his home;
- (g) the agency has made enquiries to satisfy itself that there is no reason to believe that it would be detrimental to the child to be kept by that person in those premises. Where the agency is a registered adoption

society, the society should make enquiries of the local authority in whose area those premises are situated so that that authority may properly inform the adoption society that it has no reason to believe that the proposed adoption would be detrimental to the child;

- (h) the agency's case committee, in reaching a decision, has ascertained as far as practicable the wishes and feelings of the child regarding the decision and has given due consideration to them having regard to his age and understanding, and, after considering all the information obtained in pursuance of this regulation and having regard to all the circumstances (including, as far as is practicable, any wishes of the child's parents or guardian as to the religious upbringing of the child), first consideration being given to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood, has approved of the child being so placed.

*Supervision and medical reports on placement for adoption*

9.—(1) Every adoption agency shall make adequate arrangements for the supervision of every child placed by or on behalf of the agency in the actual custody of a person proposing to adopt him until that person gives notice under section 3(2) of the Act of his intention to apply for an adoption order in respect of the child; and, in particular, shall arrange that every such child is visited by a representative of the agency within one month after being so placed and thereafter as often as the agency's case committee considers necessary.

(2) The representative shall after each visit make a written report to the agency's case committee as to the welfare of the child.

(3) Where a child has been placed by or on behalf of an adoption agency in the actual custody of a person proposing to adopt the child—

- (a) as soon as practicable after the child has attained the age of six complete days, the agency shall make arrangements for a test of his blood for the purpose of estimating the level of phenylalanine therein to be carried out by, and a report thereon obtained from, a fully registered medical practitioner, unless a report of such a test carried out after the child had attained the age of six days is already available to the agency;
- (b) as soon as practicable after the child has attained the age of six weeks, the agency shall arrange for a serological test of his blood or his mother's blood for syphilis to be carried out by, and a report thereon obtained from, a fully registered medical practitioner, unless a report of such a test carried out after the child had attained the age of six weeks is already available to the agency:

Provided that if the result of a test of the blood of the child's mother carried out in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) is positive, the agency shall also make arrangements for a test of the child's blood for syphilis to be carried out and a report obtained as soon as practicable in accordance with the provisions of that sub-paragraph.

(4) In computing the age of a child for the purposes of paragraph (3)(a) the day of the child's birth shall be excluded.

*Disclosure, etc., of information in relation to the adoption*

10. Any information obtained by any person, in the course of negotiations entered into by or on behalf of the agency with a person proposing to place a child with an agency for adoption or with a person proposing to adopt him,

shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed except so far as may be necessary for the purpose of proceedings under the Act or the 1975 Act; or for the purposes of regulations 13 or 14; or for the proper execution of his duty; or to a person who is authorised in writing by or on behalf of the Secretary of State to obtain the information for the purposes of research.

**11.** Every adoption agency shall ensure that—

- (a) its records or other documents relating to the negotiations mentioned in regulation 10 are not accessible to unauthorised persons, except that in the case of a registered adoption society such records shall be made accessible to the local authority which registered the society; and
- (b) the said records and other documents are to be preserved for at least 75 years.

**12.** A registered adoption society which ceases to operate as an adoption society shall transfer its records—

- (a) to the local authority which registered the society; or
- (b) in the case of a society that amalgamates with another registered adoption society, to the new registered adoption society.

**13.** Notwithstanding regulations 10 and 11, an adoption agency may for the purposes of counselling under section 20A or 22(4A) of the Act disclose information relating to the birth record of an adopted person who has attained the age of 18 in England and Wales or 17 in Scotland to the following—

- (a) the adopted person;
- (b) the General Register Office;
- (c) the local authority for the area where the applicant for his birth record is at the time such application is made;
- (d) the local authority for the area where the court sat which made the adoption order.

**14.—(1)** The adoption agency shall, at the time the child is placed for adoption, provide the persons proposing to adopt the child with—

- (a) written information about the child's background, parentage, physical, mental and emotional development; and
- (b) a memorandum advising the adopters of the need to tell the child about his adoption and origins, and of the right of the child, on attaining the age of 18 in England and Wales or 17 in Scotland, to obtain a copy of his birth record, and of the provision of a counselling service for such adopted persons; and offering a counselling service on any problems relating to the adoption.

**(2)** The adoption agency shall furnish a copy of any medical report obtained under regulation 9(3) to the person proposing to adopt the child to whom it relates.

*Revocations*

15. The Regulations set out in Schedule 6 are hereby revoked.

*David Ennals,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

25th October 1976.

*John Morris,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

27th October 1976.

Regulation 3(2)

SCHEDULE 1

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ADOPTION SOCIETY

To the..... Council. I/We the undersigned hereby apply to have the adoption society called .....registered under section 30 of the Adoption Act 1958.

Particulars of the society:—

1. State date of establishment of society, and give particulars of any previous registration or application for registration .....

2. State full postal address of the society's administrative centre.....

3. Give addresses of any other offices of the society .....

4. Give particulars of any activities of the society, other than those relating to the adoption of children; and state whether the society applies the whole of its profits (if any) or other income in promoting the objects for which it exists; and attach a copy of the instrument governing the society's activities and a statement of the society's accounts .....

5. Give the full name, address and occupation of each member of the committee controlling the activities of the society; and state how the committee is appointed and how it controls the activities of the society; and attach a copy of the rules governing the constitution of the society .....

6. Give the full name, address and occupation of each member of the society's case committee and his qualifications or experience for that purpose.....

7. Give the full name, address and occupation of every individual employed or proposed to be employed by the society, whether paid or unpaid, for the purpose of making any arrangements for the adoption of children and his qualifications or experience for that purpose .....

8. If any person taking part in the management or control of the society or any member of the society has been convicted of an offence under Part II of the Adoption Act 1958, Part II of the Adoption Act 1950, or the Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act 1939, or of a breach of any regulations made under those enactments, give his name and particulars of his offence.....

I/We hereby declare that the above particulars are correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Signature.....

Address .....

Position in the society .....

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 5(1)(b)

ANNUAL RETURN

Return to the ..... Council from the registered adoption society called ..... for the year ended .....

1. Give the full postal address of the society's administrative centre .....

2. State whether there has been any change in the objects for which the society exists and whether the society has applied the whole of its profits (if any) or other income in promoting the objects for which it exists .....

3. Give the full name, address and occupation of each member of the committee controlling the activities of the society and state whether there has been any change in the rules governing the constitution of the society .....

4. Give the full name, address and occupation of each member of the society's case committee and his qualifications or experience for that purpose .....

5. Give the full name, address and occupation of every individual employed by the society, whether paid or unpaid, for the purpose of making any arrangements for the adoption of children and his qualifications or experience for that purpose .....

6. If any person taking part in the management or control of the society or any member of the society has been convicted of an offence under Part II of the Adoption Act 1958, Part II of the Adoption Act 1950, or the Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act 1939, or of a breach of any regulations made under those enactments, give his name and particulars of his offence .....

7. Give the number of cases dealt with by the society under the following heads:—

(a) number of applications from persons wishing to adopt a child .....

(b) number of children offered to the society with a view to their being adopted but not accepted by the society .....

(c) number of children accepted by the society with a view to their being adopted .....

(d) number of children placed by or on behalf of the society in the actual custody of persons proposing to adopt them .....



(e) number of children so delivered in respect of whom adoption orders or provisional adoption orders had not been made.....

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(f) number of adoption orders or provisional adoption orders made in respect of children who were so placed during the period to which the return relates

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(g) number of adoption orders or provisional adoption orders made in respect of children who were so placed before the period to which the return relates

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8. Give, under the following heads, the number of children who, at the end of the period to which the return relates, had been placed at the disposition of the society with a view to their being adopted but had not been placed in the actual custody of persons proposing to adopt them:—

(a) number of children in the actual custody of the society.....

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(b) number of children boarded out by the society.....

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(c) number of other children.....

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9. Number of case committee meetings.....

I/We hereby declare that the above particulars are correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Signature.....

Address .....

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Position in the society.....

## SCHEDULE 3

## Regulation 7(a)

## ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

*Explanatory Memorandum*

This Memorandum must be given to the parent or guardian of a child who is about to be adopted. This includes the natural father of an illegitimate child if he has an order for custody under section 9 of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 or section 2 of the Illegitimate Children (Scotland) Act 1930.

*What does adoption mean?*

When a court makes an adoption order, your rights as a parent or guardian will be transferred to the adopters and they will become in law the child's parents. This means that you will have no further right to see the child or to have the child returned to you.

If you wish your child to be brought up in a particular religious faith, you should tell your social worker who must take your wishes into account as far as is practicable. If you ask him, he will be able to tell you if there are any adoption societies which specialise in arranging adoptions with families of a particular faith.

*Your agreement to the adoption*

Before a court can make an adoption order, it has to be satisfied that you agree freely to the order being made, so you will be asked to sign a form of agreement to adoption which will be shown to the court. The proposed adopters will either be referred to on this form by a number or they may be named. If they are referred to by a number it will not be possible to tell you who they are but your social worker will be able to tell you something about them. You are not allowed by law to receive any money for giving your agreement. You will have the opportunity of making your views known to the court on the adoption application if you so wish, but where the proposed adopters are referred to by a number on the form of agreement, arrangements will be made for you to attend the court at a different time from them. The court will appoint a person called the guardian *ad litem* who will need to see you before the court makes the adoption order to make sure that you understand what the effect will be. The guardian *ad litem* has a duty to ensure that an adoption order will be in the interests of the child and the court must give first consideration to the welfare of the child. If you sign the form of agreement and then, before the adoption order is made, you wish to withdraw your agreement, you must inform your social worker and the court. If you have signed your agreement and the proposed adopters have already sent the application papers to the court, the law does not allow you to remove the child unless you obtain the permission of the court. The court cannot make an order without your agreement unless it dispenses with your agreement on certain grounds. The grounds on which a court can dispense with a parent's agreement are that he or she:—

- (a) cannot be found or is incapable of giving agreement;
- (b) is withholding his or her agreement unreasonably;
- (c) has persistently failed without reasonable cause to discharge the parental duties in relation to the child;
- (d) has abandoned or neglected the child;
- (e) has persistently ill-treated the child;
- (f) has seriously ill-treated the child and rehabilitation in his or her home is unlikely.

*Birth Records*

When an adoption order is made, the Registrar General makes an entry in the Adopted Children Register showing the adopters as the parents of the child. A certificate is issued from that register which takes the place of the child's birth certificate but when the child reaches the age of 18 he will be entitled to obtain a certificate of

the original birth entry if he so wishes. This means that when he is 18 he will be able to find out his original name as well as your name and the address you were living at when you registered his birth.

Your social worker is.....

Address.....

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Telephone.....

CERTIFICATE

To.....

(name of agency)

I certify that I have received from you a memorandum called "Adoption of Children" from which I have detached this certificate of acknowledgment and that I have read the memorandum and understood it.

Signature.....

Address.....

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Date.....

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 8(a)

PARTICULARS TO BE ASCERTAINED

PART I

*Particulars relating to the child*

1. Name .....
2. Date and place of birth.....
3. If baptised, date and place of baptism and denomination.....
4. If not baptised, religious persuasion of the child's father and mother.....
5. Have the parents any wishes regarding the child's religious upbringing?  
If so, what are they?.....
6. Name, address and age of the child's father and mother. If either is dead, date  
of death .....
7. If the child is legitimate, whether there have been any matrimonial proceedings  
(separation, divorce or annulment) and if so whether any orders in respect of the  
child have been made.....
8. If either the father or mother has any other children, the age and sex of each  
child .....
9. Whether there is any history of tuberculosis, epilepsy, mental illness or other  
disease in either the father's or mother's family.....
10. Why adoption is being sought for the child and whether adoption has previously  
been sought for him .....
11. Having regard to his age and understanding, what are the wishes and feelings  
of the child about being adopted.....
12. Whether the mother agrees to the child being adopted, and, if not, her reasons  
for not agreeing .....
13. If the child is legitimate, whether the father agrees to the child being adopted,  
and, if not, his reasons for not agreeing.....
14. If the child is illegitimate and the father has legal custody under section 9 of  
the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 or section 2 of the Illegitimate Children (Scot-  
land) Act 1930, whether the father agrees to the child being adopted and, if not, his  
reasons for not agreeing.....
15. If the child is illegitimate, whether the father (if known) has any objection to  
the child being adopted and whether he intends to apply for custody of the child.  
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16. The names and addresses of the child's guardians (other than the putative father, if any), how and by whom they were appointed, and whether they agree to the child being adopted, and, if not, their reasons for not agreeing.....

17. Whether any other body or person has the rights and duties of a parent of the child, the length of time the child has been in the actual custody of that body or person and whether that body or person has any objections to the child being adopted.....

18. Whether the child has any right to or interest in any property.....

19. Whether an insurance policy for the payment on the death of the child of money for funeral expenses has been effected.....

## PART II

### *Particulars relating to the proposed adopters*

1. Names.....

2. Address.....

3. Dates of birth.....

4. Religious persuasion.....

5. Occupation.....

6. Where the proposed adopters have not their home (or one of them has not his home) in Great Britain, their (or his) address, if different from 2 above.....

7. Whether the proposed adopters are domiciled in the United Kingdom (i.e. England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland), the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, and, if not, the country in which they are domiciled.....

8. If the proposed adopters intend to apply for a provisional adoption order, whether they intend to adopt the child in law or in fact in the country in which they are domiciled.....

9. If there are two proposed adopters, the date and place of the proposed adopters' marriage, and whether either proposed adopter has previously been married and, if so, whether that marriage was dissolved or annulled, the grounds for the divorce or annulment and whether there are any commitments in respect of a former spouse and/or children of a previous marriage.....

10. If there is only one proposed adopter, whether that person is married, and, if so, why the spouse does not join in the application. Is the spouse:—

- (a) unable to be found;
- (b) separated and living apart and the separation likely to be permanent; or
- (c) by reason of ill-health, physical or mental, incapable of joining in the application?

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11. Particulars of all members of the proposed adopters' household and their relationship (if any) to the proposed adopters.....

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12. The accommodation in the proposed adopters' home and the condition of the home .....

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13. The means of the proposed adopters.....

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14. The names and addresses of two persons selected by the proposed adopters to whom reference can be made as to character.....

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15. Whether either of the proposed adopters has previously:—

- (a) notified a local authority of his intention to adopt a child;
- (b) applied to an adoption society or local authority with a view to adopting a child;
- (c) had in his actual custody a foster child within the meaning of section 2 of the Children Act 1958, who has been removed under section 7 of that Act;
- (d) been prohibited from keeping a foster child under section 4 of that Act;
- (e) had in his actual custody a protected child who has been removed under section 43 of the Adoption Act 1958;
- (f) been prohibited from keeping a protected child;
- (g) been a member of a household where a child has been the subject of an order arising from care proceedings under section 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, or has been found by a children's hearing to be in need of compulsory measure of care under Part III of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968;
- (h) been convicted of an offence under Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, or an offence under Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975;
- (i) had parental rights in respect of their own children assumed by a local authority under section 2 of the Children Act 1948 or under section 16 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968;
- (j) been refused registration under the Nurseries and Child-Minders Regulation Act 1948 (as amended).

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## Regulation 8(b)

## SCHEDULE 5

## MEDICAL REPORT AS TO HEALTH OF CHILD

- Child's name..... Date of birth..... Sex.....  
 Weight..... Height.....
- A General condition .....
- Skin .....
  - Eyes (including vision) .....
  - Ears (including hearing).....
  - Nose and throat.....
  - Speech .....
  - Cardio-vascular system .....
  - Respiratory system.....
  - Alimentary system .....
  - Genito-urinary system (including examination of urine for albumen and sugar)  
.....
  - Skeletal and articular system (including examination for congenital dislocation  
of hip) .....
  - Nervous system (including fits).....
  - Lymphatic system .....
  - Is the child physically normal having regard to his age?.....
  - Any other comments.....
- B Are there any items in the child's history or examination which suggest that he  
may be mentally abnormal having regard to his age?.....
- C Particulars of any illnesses from which the child has suffered.....
- D If known:
- Weight at birth (if child is under one year of age).....
  - Details of birth, including result of mother's serological tests for syphilis  
.....
- Particulars, with dates, of vaccination or immunization against—
- Tuberculosis (*state result of Mantoux test or whether child has been successfully  
vaccinated with BCG vaccine*).....
  - Smallpox .....
  - Diphtheria .....
  - Whooping cough .....
  - Poliomyelitis .....
  - Tetanus (active) .....
  - Any other disease .....
- E (1) Result of serological test for syphilis on the child's blood or the mother's  
blood carried out six weeks or later after the child's birth. (Either test (a) or  
test (b)(i) and (ii) may be carried out when the child is at least six weeks old;  
if test (b)(i) or (ii) is positive, test (a) must also be carried out.)
- (a) Result of a suitable serological test of the child's blood for syphilis  
(please specify test) .....
  - (b) Result of suitable serological tests of the mother's blood for syphilis—
    - (i) reagin (*please specify test*).....
    - (ii) verification (*please specify test*).....

(2) *(To be completed in the case of a child over six complete days excluding the day of his birth and under two years old at the time of the test).*

Result of test of the child's blood for the purpose of estimating the level of phenylalanine therein.....

F I examined the child on the ..... day of ..... 19....

Signature..... Address.....

Qualifications.....

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## Regulation 15

## SCHEDULE 6

## REGULATIONS WHICH ARE REVOKED

Regulation	Extent of revocation
The Adoption Agencies Regulations, 1959(a) .. .. .	The whole Regulations.
The Adoption Agencies Regulations, 1961(b) .. .. .	The whole Regulations in so far as unrevoked.
The Adoption Agencies Regulations, 1965(c) .. .. .	The whole Regulations.
The Adoption Agencies Regulations, 1973(d) .. .. .	The whole Regulations.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations supersede and replace with amendments the Adoption Agencies Regulations 1959 to take account of the changes brought about by the Children Act 1975. These include provision for taking account of parents' wishes as to the child's upbringing in a particular religious faith (regulation 7), for disclosure of information to adopted persons as to their birth record (regulation 13) and information to be provided to proposed adopters (regulation 14). Schedule 3 has also been updated.

(a) S.I. 1959/639 (1959 I, p. 594).  
 (c) S.I. 1965/2054 (1965 III, p. 6074).

(b) S.I. 1961/900 (1961 I, p. 1721).  
 (d) S.I. 1973/1203 (1973 II, p. 3643).

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