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COUNTY COURT RULES

Adoption

RULES, DATED 15TH OCTOBER 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 146 OF THE COUNTY COURTS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959.

I, the Right Honourable Robert Wilson Porter, Q.C., Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 146 of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**a**), section 45 of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**) and all other powers thereunto enabling, do hereby, upon the recommendation of the County Court Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, make the Rules hereinafter set forth.

Dated this 15th day of October 1969.

R. W. Porter,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.

(a) 1959. c. 25.

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PART I

CITATION, COMMENCEMENT, ETC.

Citation

1. These Rules shall be cited as the County Court (Adoption) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969.

Commencement

2. These Rules shall come into operation on 1st December 1969.

Revocation

3. The Adoption of Children (Northern Ireland) County Court Rules 1954(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

4. In these Rules—

(*a*) "the Act" means the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

(*b*) "adoption order" includes a provisional adoption order within the meaning of section 38 of the Act;

(*c*) "the Registrar General" means the Registrar General for Northern Ireland;

(*d*) reference to a Form by number is a reference to the Form as numbered in the Schedule.

(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 23.

PART II

COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

Notice to welfare authority under section 3(1)(b) of Act

5. Where service of notice to a welfare authority of intention to apply for an adoption order is required under section 3(1)(*b*) of the Act such notice shall be in Form 1 and an affidavit of such service in accordance with Rule 29 shall be lodged with the clerk of the Crown and peace together with the copy of any such notice exhibited to the petition in accordance with Rule 9(2).

Application to be by petition

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an application for an adoption order shall be made by petition in Form 2.

(2) An application for a provisional adoption order under section 38 of the Act shall be made by petition in Form 3.

Sittings at which petitions to be heard

7. Every petition shall be listed for hearing at and heard at the sitting of the Court for equity matters or on such other day or days as the Judge may appoint.

Issue of Petition

8. The petition shall be submitted, in accordance with Rule 29, to the clerk of the Crown and peace for issuing not less than one month before the day appointed for the hearing together with copies for service in accordance with Rule 10(1) and a copy for the use of the court; and he shall issue the petition by assigning a serial number thereto, and endorsing on the original and copies thereof a notice of the date of hearing and an interim appointment of the appropriate welfare authority as guardian ad litem and shall return the copies for service.

Verification of petition and documents to be exhibited thereto

9.—(1) Every petition and every document exhibited thereto under paragraph (2) shall be verified by affidavit in the form appended to Forms 2 and 3.

(2) Every document proper for proving the statements in the petition shall be exhibited thereto and in particular—

(*a*) where notice under section 3(1)(*b*) of the Act is required to be served on the welfare authority, a copy of the notice served;

(*b*) except where the petitioner desires the Court under section 5(1) of the Act to dispense with the consent of a parent or guardian of the infant, a document attested in accordance with section 6(3) of the Act signifying the consent of every parent or guardian of the infant in Form 4;

(*c*) except where the petitioner desires the Court under section 5(3) of the Act to dispense with the consent of his or her spouse or except where the petition is made jointly by two spouses, a statutory declaration in Form 5 signifying the consent of the spouse of the petitioner;

(*d*) where the petition is a joint petition by spouses, their marriage certificate or other evidence of marriage;

(*e*) where the birth of the infant has been registered or where the infant has been previously adopted, the birth certificate or, as the case may be, a certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register, referred to in the Form of consent by the parent or guardian;

(*f*) except where the petitioner or one of the petitioners is the mother or father of the infant or the infant has reached the upper limit of compulsory school age, the certificate of a fully-registered medical practitioner as to the health of the petitioner or petitioners which may be in Form 6.

Service of petition or notice of presentation

10.—(1) The petitioner shall, not less than twenty-one days before the day appointed for the hearing of the petition, serve a copy of the petition on the guardian ad litem and, unless he desires his identity to be kept confidential, upon—

(*a*) the parents or guardian (if known) of the infant;

(*b*) any person liable by virtue of any order or agreement to contribute to the support of the infant;

(*c*) any person or body having the rights and powers of a parent of the infant under section 104 of or paragraph 14(1) of Schedule 5 to the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(**d**);

(*d*) the welfare authority to whom the applicant has given notice under section 3(1) of the Act, where such welfare authority is not the guardian ad litem;

(*e*) any adoption society or, without prejudice to the foregoing, any local authority who has taken part in the arrangements for the adoption of the infant; and

(*f*) any other person whom the court may direct.

(2) If the petitioner desires, as stated in the petition, that his identity be kept confidential he shall, in lieu of a copy of the petition, serve upon the persons mentioned in paragraph (1)(*a*) to (*f*) a copy of a notice in Form 7.

(3) If the petitioner has no solicitor acting for him, the notice in Form 7 of the presentation of the petition shall be signed by the clerk of the Crown and peace.

Notice of objection to the making of an adoption order

11. Anyone wishing to object to the grant of an adoption order shall within ten days of the date of service on him of a copy of the petition or, as the case may be, notice of the presentation of the petition, give to the clerk of the Crown and peace written notice of his intention to object quoting the serial number of the petition.

Appointment of guardian ad litem

12.—(1) The clerk of the Crown and peace shall, after receipt of the petition, make an interim appointment of the appropriate welfare authority as a guardian ad litem under section 11 of the Act, which appointment may be incorporated in the Form of notice to be endorsed on the petition at the time of its issue.

(2) Such appointment may be confirmed by the Judge or he may make another appointment under the said section 11.

(3) Rule 14 of Order 3 of the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965(**e**) shall not apply to the appointment of a guardian ad litem under this Rule.

(**d**) 1968. c. 34 (N.I.). (**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 261.

Functions of guardian ad litem

13.—(1) The guardian ad litem shall, with a view to safeguarding the welfare of the infant, investigate as fully as possible all the circumstances relevant to the proposed adoption and shall, not later than seven days before the date appointed for the hearing of the petition, serve on the clerk of the Crown and peace a confidential report setting forth all the relevant circumstances including the following information:—

(*a*) particulars of the accommodation in the petitioner's home, its condition and of all the members of the petitioner's household;

(*b*) the means of the petitioner and whether they are such as to enable him to bring up the infant suitably;

(*c*) whether the petitioner suffers or has suffered from any serious illness and whether there is any history of tuberculosis, epilepsy or mental illness in the petitioner's family;

(*d*) the occupation or status of the petitioner;

(*e*) where the petition is that of one only of two spouses, why the other spouse is not a joint petitioner;

(*f*) whether the petitioner understands the nature of an adoption order and, in particular, that the order if made will render him responsible for the maintenance and upbringing of the infant;

(*g*) what rights, if any, the infant has in any property;

(*h*) whether any insurance policy has been effected on the life of the infant, including any insurance relating to the infant under the enactments relating to friendly societies, collecting societies or industrial insurance companies to which section 21 of the Act applies whereby the rights and liabilities under such insurance will by virtue of an adoption order be transferred to the adopters;

(*i*) whether any person or body has given or agreed to give or, whether directly or indirectly, agreed to receive any payment or reward whatsoever in consideration of or in connection with the adoption of the infant;

(*j*) whether the infant is able to understand the nature of an adoption order and, if so, whether the infant wishes to be adopted by the applicant;

(*k*) except where the petitioner or one of the petitioners is the mother of the infant, the date on which the mother of the infant ceased to have the infant in her care and possession and the name of any person to whom such care and possession was transferred;

(*l*) whether every consent to the making of an adoption order was freely given and with full understanding of the nature and effect of such order;

(*m*) where either parent of the infant is dead, who are the infant's surviving relatives and whether any such relative, so far as may be ascertained, wishes to be heard on the petition;

(*n*) where the infant is illegitimate, whether an affiliation order has been made in favour of the mother of the infant and the name, if known to the guardian ad litem, of the putative father or if anyone as putative father is liable by virtue of any order or agreement to contribute to the maintenance of the infant and whether the putative father wishes to be heard on the petition;

(*o*) whether the infant has been baptised;

(*p*) if the infant has been medically examined, a report of the examination;

(*q*) the religious persuasion of the petitioner;

(*r*) why the petitioner wishes to adopt the infant;

(*s*) such other information including an assessment of the applicant's personality and, where appropriate, that of the infant as has a bearing on the mutual suitability of the petitioner and the infant and on the ability of the petitioner to bring up the infant.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), the guardian ad litem shall inform the court if he learns of any person or body who wishes or ought, in his opinion, to be heard by the court on the question whether an adoption order should be made.

(3) The guardian ad litem shall ascertain and inform the petitioner—

(*a*) what treatment the infant has received with a view to immunising him against disease;

(*b*) whether an insurance policy for the payment of funeral expenses on the death of the infant has been effected.

PART III

HEARING OF PETITION

Objections

14.—(1) Where the clerk of the Crown and peace receives notice of objection under Rule 11 he shall notify the judge, the petitioner or his solicitor and the guardian ad litem, and the judge shall direct what steps are to be taken.

(2) The judge may direct that the person who served such notice of objection shall appear before him in his Chambers on a date fixed by him and upon hearing the nature or grounds for objection made by him or by his legal representative on his behalf may make such direction or order as appears just.

Procedure on the hearing

15.—(1) Any proceedings under the Act shall be heard in Chambers.

(2) Without prejudice to Rule 29(2), evidence may be given orally or on affidavit, but the judge may where the evidence of any party is on affidavit require such person to give oral evidence.

(3) The Court may refuse to make an adoption order, unless all parties, including the infant, attend before it, but it shall have power in its discretion to dispense with the attendance of any party, including the infant.

Privacy of proceedings

16.—(1) The Court may direct that any of the parties shall attend separately and apart from the others or that any party, including the infant, shall be interviewed privately and separately.

(2) Without prejudice to Rule 15(1), adoption proceedings shall in general and, in particular, having due regard to any express statement in a petition that the petitioner desires his identity to be kept confidential, where practicable, be so conducted as to ensure that a petitioner is not seen by or made known to any person whose consent to the adoption order is required.

Provisional adoption orders

17.—(1) An applicant for a provisional adoption order shall provide evidence of the law of adoption of the country in which he is domiciled.

(2) An affidavit as to that law sworn by a person who is conversant with it and who practises or has practised as a barrister or advocate in that country or is a duly-accredited representative of the government of that country in the United Kingdom shall, if it is exhibited to the petition for the provisional adoption order, be admissible without any such notice as is required by Rule 5 of Order 23 of the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965.

(3) Where, owing to special circumstances, a petition for a provisional adoption order appears proper to be dealt with by the Lord Chief Justice, the Court may direct that such petition be transferred accordingly.

(4) Where a direction is made under paragraph (3), the clerk of the Crown and peace shall transmit the petition and all other documents in his possession relating thereto to the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Interim Orders

18.—(1) Where the Court under section 8 of the Act postpones the determination of the application for an adoption order and makes an interim order in accordance with that section, the interim order shall be in Form 8 and the terms and duration of the order specified under subsection (1) of that section shall be fully set out in the order.

(2) The petitioner shall, not less than twenty-one days before the expiration of the period specified in the interim order, or such extended period as the Court may in special circumstances allow, serve on the guardian ad litem and such other person or persons (if any) as the Court may direct, an application for the final determination of his petition for an adoption order or for the discharge of the interim order, as the case may be, and not less than seven days before the day appointed for the hearing of the application file a copy thereof with the clerk of the Crown and peace together with the affidavit of such service in accordance with Rule 29.

(3) An application for the final determination of a petition for an adoption order referred to in paragraph (2) shall be in Form 9 and an application for the discharge of the interim order shall be in Form 10.

(4) An application by a guardian ad litem under section 8(6) of the Act for the final determination of the petition for an adoption order shall be in Form 11 and the guardian ad litem shall, not less than twenty-one days before the day appointed for the hearing of the application, serve such application on the petitioner and on such other persons, if any, as the Court may direct and not less than seven days before that day file a copy thereof with the clerk of the Crown and peace together with the affidavit of such service in accordance with Rule 29.

(5) The provisions of Rules 15 and 16 shall apply to an application for the final determination of a petition for an adoption order or for the discharge of an interim order in accordance with this Rule.

(6) An order discharging an interim order shall be in Form 12.

PART IV

GENERAL

Where previous application made for adoption of same infant

19. If it appears that the applicant has previously made an application for an adoption order in respect of the same infant to the High Court or to a county court and that the court after hearing the application refused to grant

such order, the clerk of the Crown and peace shall bring the matter to the attention of the Judge and the court shall not proceed on the application unless the Judge is satisfied that there has been a substantial change in the circumstances since the previous application.

Cases more fit to be dealt with by the High Court

20. Subject to Rule 17(3), if owing to special circumstances any application appears to the Judge more fit to be dealt with by the High Court, he may, at any stage of the proceedings, refuse on that ground expressly to make an order.

Attestation of consent when executed outside United Kingdom

21.—(1) Where a document signifying the consent of a parent or guardian to an adoption order is executed outside the United Kingdom it shall be sufficiently attested for the purposes of section 6(3) of the Act if it is attested by any of the following persons—

(*a*) any person for the time being authorised by law in the place where the document is executed to administer an oath for any judicial or legal purpose;

(*b*) a British consular officer;

(*c*) a notary public; or

(*d*) if the person executing the document is serving in any of the regular armed forces of the Crown, an officer holding a commission in any of those forces.

(2) In paragraph (1)(*d*) the expression "regular armed forces of the Crown" means the Royal Navy, the regular forces as defined by section 225 of the Army Act 1955(**f**), the regular air force as defined by section 223 of the Air Force Act 1955(**g**), the Women's Royal Naval Service, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Voluntary Aid Detachments serving with the Royal Navy.

Keeping of documents and information

22.—(1) All documents relating to proceedings under the Act, the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(**h**) or any enactment repealed by the said Act of 1950 shall, while they are in the custody of the Court, be kept in a place of special security.

(2) Any information obtained by any person in the course of, or relating to proceedings under the said Acts, shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed by him except so far as may be necessary for the proper execution of his duty.

Birth certificates

23.—(1) Where the infant is identified in the petition for an adoption order by reference to a birth certificate which is the same, or relates to the same entry in the Register of Births, as a birth certificate referred to in a form of consent by a parent or a guardian of the infant, the infant whom the petitioner desires to adopt shall be deemed, unless the contrary appears, to be identical with the infant to whom the form of consent refers.

(2) Where the infant has previously been adopted, paragraph (1) shall have effect as if for references to a birth certificate there were substituted references to a certified copy of an entry in the Adopted Children Register and as if for the reference to the Register of Births there were substituted a reference to that Register.

(**f**) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 18. (**g**) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 19. (**h**) 1950, c. 6.

Form and transmission of orders

24.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an adoption order shall be in Form 13.

(2) A provisional adoption order shall be in Form 14 and in the fifth column of the Schedule thereto there shall be recorded the fact that the order is provisional.

(3) The clerk of the Crown and peace shall be the prescribed officer for the purposes of section 24(6) and of section 25(2) of the Act and upon the making of an adoption order or an amendment to such order, he shall forward to the Registrar General a sealed copy thereof by registered post or by the recorded delivery service in an envelope marked "Confidential".

Copies of adoption orders not to be supplied except in certain cases

25.—(1) The clerk of the Crown and peace shall not supply a copy of or any information relating to an adoption order or an interim order or allow access to any file except—

(*a*) in accordance with Rule 24(3); or

(*b*) at the request of the Registrar General, the adopters or a petitioner; or

(*c*) on the application of any person under an order of the Judge.

(2) This Rule also applies to an adoption order or an interim order made under the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 or any enactment repealed by that Act.

Notice of decision of court to be given

26. Where a person has objected to the making of an adoption order, the clerk of the Crown and peace shall as soon as practicable after the decision of the Court on the application for such order, give notice thereof to that person and to the petitioner.

Notice to court by which an affiliation order has been made

27. Where an adoption order is made in respect of an infant who is illegitimate, then, unless the adopter is the mother of such infant and she is a single woman, the clerk of the Crown and peace shall serve notice of the order on any court which appears to him to have made an affiliation order which is still in force with respect to the infant.

Application for amendment or revocation of adoption orders, supply of copies, etc.

28.—(1) An application—

(*a*) under section 25(1) of the Act for the amendment of an adoption order or for the revocation of a direction for the marking of any entry in the Register of Births or Adopted Children Register;

(*b*) under secton 3 of the Legitimacy Act (Northern Ireland) 1961(**i**) for the revocation of an adoption order;

(*c*) under Rule 25(1)(*c*) for the supply of a copy of, or information relating to, an adoption order; or

(*d*) under section 23(3) of the Act for an order for the furnishing of information contained in the books kept by the Registrar General under section 23(1)(*c*) thereof;

may be made *ex parte* in the first instance, but the Judge may require notice of the application to be served on such persons as he may direct.

(**i**) 1961. c. 5.

(2) Where an application referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of paragraph (1) is granted, the clerk of the Crown and peace shall send to the Registrar General a notice specifying the date of the adoption order and the names of the adopter and of the adopted person as given in the Schedule to the adoption order and either stating the amendments to the adoption order made by the Court or informing him of the revocation of the direction or adoption order, as the case may be.

(3) Where an application referred to in sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) is granted, the clerk of the Crown and peace shall send a copy of the order of the Court to the Registrar General.

(4) Such notice or order shall be contained in an envelope marked "Confidential" and sent by registered post or by the recorded delivery service.

(5) Where an adoption order made under the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland) 1929(**j**) or under the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(**k**) is amended, the said notice shall be in a form similar to the Schedule to Form 13 and contain all the particulars to be entered in the Adopted Children Register.

Service and filing of documents

29.—(1) Without prejudice to any other provision as to the service of documents in, or in connection with proceedings in the county court, a notice or other document or copy thereof required to be served or sent under the Act or these Rules may be served personally on the person to be served or sent by registered post or by the recorded delivery service in an envelope addressed to the person to be served at his place of residence or, in the case of service on a welfare authority or other body, addressed to it at its official address or by delivering it personally to the secretary, clerk or other responsible officer of the authority or body at its office.

(2) Proof of service of documents under the Act and these Rules shall be on affidavit.

(3) Where a document is served by post in accordance with this Rule—

(*a*) the envelope in which it is enclosed shall be marked "Confidential"; and

(*b*) the receipt for its posting shall be attached to the copy thereof referred to in the affidavit of posting.

(4) A petition submitted to the clerk of the Crown and peace for issue under Rule 8, and any notice, affidavit, or other document or copy thereof required to be filed with the clerk of the Crown and peace under these Rules shall be so submitted or, as the case may be, filed either by delivery thereof to him personally or to some responsible person at his office or by sending the document by registered post or by the recorded delivery service in an envelope addressed to him at that office.

Court fees

30. In item 2 of Appendix E to and in items 28 and 30 in Appendix ZM to the County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965 for references to the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 there shall be substituted references to the Act.

(**j**) 20 Geo. 5. c. 15 (N.I.). (**k**) 1950. c. 6.

Enlargement or abridgment of times in special circumstances

31. The Court shall have power, in special circumstances, to enlarge or abridge the time appointed or allowed by these Rules (not being a time specified in the Act) for doing any act or taking any proceeding, upon such terms (including terms as to costs) as it thinks fit and any enlargement may be ordered although the application therefor is not made until after the expiration of the time appointed or allowed.

Application of Equity practice and procedure

32. In any matter not provided for in the foregoing Rules, the practice and procedure of the Court in equity matters shall be followed.

SCHEDULE

Forms to be used in Proceedings under the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967

Rule 5

FORM 1

Notice to Welfare Authority under Section 3(1)(b) of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 of intention to apply for an Adoption Order or Provisional Adoption Order

IN THE MATTER OF the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967
AND IN THE MATTER OF A.B. an Infant

I/We of
hereby give notice* as required by section 3(1)(*b*) of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 of my/our intention to apply for an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] in respect of an infant aged of the sex who is in my/our care and possession at (*full address*).

This day of 19 .

(Signed)

NOTE: IMPORTANT:

*The notice must be addressed to the welfare authority in whose area applicant is resident or, if applicant not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, to the welfare authority in whose area he is living.

Where application is made *jointly* by husband and wife the notice must be signed by them both, unless neither of them or only one of them ordinarily resides in Northern Ireland, when one signature is sufficient.

This notice must *not* be given before the infant attains the age of six weeks and must be received by the welfare authority three months before the order to be applied for is made.

Rule 6(1)

FORM 2

Petition for Adoption Order (other than a Provisional Adoption Order)

Serial No.

IN THE COUNTY COURT/RECORDER'S COURT for the Division of

IN THE MATTER OF the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967
AND IN THE MATTER OF A.B. an Infant

The petition of C.D. of in the County [Borough] of [and E.F. his wife of the same address] showeth as follows: —

1. Your petitioner is [*or* Your petitioners are] desirous of adopting the said A.B. under the provisions of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

2. Your petitioner is [*or* Your petitioners are] resident and domiciled in Northern Ireland at

aforesaid

[*or* resident at
in Northern Ireland and domiciled in [England/Wales/Scotland/the Isle of Man/one of the Channel Islands]
[*or* not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland but is/are domiciled in Northern Ireland].

3. Your petitioner C.D. is unmarried [*or* was married to your petitioner E.F. at on the day of 19 and they are the persons to whom the marriage certificate (or other evidence of marriage) exhibited hereto relates].

4. Your petitioner [C.D.] is by occupation a
[and your petitioner E.F. is by occupation a].

5. Your petitioner [C.D.] is years of age [and your petitioner E.F. is years of age].

[6. The consent of the husband/wife of your petitioner to the making of the adoption order in pursuance of my application is exhibited hereto [*or* your petitioner requests the Judge to dispense with the consent of his/her wife/husband on the ground that he/she cannot be found [*or* is incapable of giving his/her consent] [*or* we have separated and are living apart and the separation is likely to be permanent]].]

[7. As the infant A.B. is under the limit of compulsory school age [*or* as your petitioner is not [*or* neither of your petitioners is] a parent of the infant] a certificate as to the health of your petitioner(s) signed by a fully registered medical practitioner is exhibited hereto.]

8. Your petitioner has [*or* Your petitioners have] resident with him/her [*or* them] the following persons, namely—

9. Your petitioner [C.D.] [E.F.] is related to the said A.B. as follows—
[*or* Your petitioners are not nor is either of them related to the said A.B.].

10. The said A.B. is—

(*a*) of the sex;

(*b*) unmarried;

(*c*) a child [*or* an adopted child] of [now deceased] and of [now deceased] in the County [Borough] of ;

(*d*) months old [*or* years of age] having been born on the day of at in the County [Borough] of and is the infant to whom the birth certificate/certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register exhibited hereto relates;

[(*e*) under the guardianship of in the County [Borough] of ;]

(*f*) entitled to the following property, namely—

(*g*) of the following religious denomination—

11. No person is liable by virtue of any order or agreement to contribute to the maintenance of the infant [*or* of is liable by virtue of an order made by the Court at on the day of 19 [*or* by an agreement dated the day of 19] to contribute as follows to the maintenance of the infant and a copy of the said order [*or* agreement] is exhibited hereto].

12. Your petitioner has not [*or* Neither of your petitioners has] made a previous application for an adoption order or provisional adoption order in respect of the said infant or any other infant to any court or Judge [other than an application made to the Court at on the day of 19 , which was dealt with as follows—

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13. Your petitioner undertakes [*or* Your petitioners undertake], if an adoption order is made on this petition, to make for the said infant the following provision, namely—

to feed, clothe, maintain, educate and otherwise treat him/her in all respects as the child of the petitioner (*add any other provision to be made*)

and will, if required, secure the above provision by bond or otherwise as the Court may require.

14. The consent of the person(s) referred to in paragraph 10(*c*) [and (*e*)] of this petition, namely— of [and of] as the parent(s) [*or* guardian(s) of the infant] has been obtained and is exhibited hereto.

[15. Your petitioner requests [*or* Your petitioners request] the Court to dispense with the consent of on the following grounds, namely—

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16. The infant was received into the care and possession of your petitioner(s) on the day of 19 and has been continuously in his/her/their care and possession since that date.

[17. Your petitioner(s) notified the Welfare Authority in whose area he/she is [*or* they are] resident [*or* (*where petitioner or either of the petitioners is or are not ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland*) is/are living], on the day of 19 of his/her/their intention to apply for an adoption order in respect of the infant and a copy of such notice is exhibited hereto.]

18. Your petitioner has not [*or* Your petitioners have not nor has either of them] received or agreed to receive and no person has made or given or agreed to make or give to the petitioner(s) [or either of them] any payment or other reward in consideration of the adoption of the said A.B. [except as follows—

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[19. Your petitioner desires [*or* Your petitioners desire] that his/her/their identity be kept confidential.]

20. If an adoption order is made in favour of your petitioner(s) he/she desires [*or* they desire] that the infant shall thereafter be known by the name of

21. It is proposed that the costs of this petition shall be provided for as follows, namely—

Your petitioner prays [*or* Your petitioners pray]—

(1) that an order for the adoption of the said A.B. by your petitioner(s) may be made in pursuance of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

[(2) that the costs of this petition may be provided for as in paragraph [21] of this petition or otherwise as the Court may direct;]

(3) such further or other order as the nature of the case may require.

Signed

Petitioner(s).

Affidavit Verifying Petition

I/We the above-named petitioner(s) make Oath and say as follows—

1. I/We have read the foregoing petition and the facts stated therein are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

2. I/We beg to refer to the following documents, proper for proving the foregoing petition and exhibited hereto, namely—

(*here list certificates, consents and other exhibits as required by Rule* 9(2) *of the County Court* (*Adoption*) *Rules* (*Northern Ireland*) 1969 *in support of petition*) upon which I/we have [respectively] endorsed my/our name(s) at the time of swearing hereof.

Dated this day of 19 .

Sworn, etc.

TAKE NOTICE that the within petition will be heard at the [Equity] Sitting of the Court to be held at on the day of at o'clock in the noon.

And let the Welfare Authority for the area of be appointed *guardian ad litem* for the said infant.

Signed

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

Address of Courthouse.

[Notice to be added on copy of Petition to be served as follows—

TAKE NOTICE that under Rule 11 of the County Court Adoption Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 279) anyone wishing to object to the grant of an adoption order is required within 10 days of service on him of a copy of the petition to give to the clerk of the Crown and peace written notice of his intention to object quoting the serial number of the petition.

If you give such written notice, you will be notified of the date on which you must attend Court.]

Rule 6(2)

FORM 3

Petition for a Provisional Adoption Order

Serial No.

[*Title as in Form* 2]

The petition of C.D. of in the County [Borough] of [and E.F. his wife of the same address] showeth as follows:—

1. Your petitioner is [*or* Your petitioners are] desirous of obtaining a provisional adoption order in respect of the said A.B. under section 38 of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 authorising the removal of A.B. for the purpose of his/her being adopted under the law of or within the country in which the petitioner is [*or* the petitioners are] domiciled.

2. Your petitioner is [*or* Your petitioners are] domiciled in (*country of domicile being outside the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands*) and are residing [*or* (*if not resident*) living] at in Northern Ireland.

Paragraphs 3 to 20 as in Form 2.

21. The petitioner intends [*or* The petitioners intend] to adopt the infant under the law of or within (*state country or state or province in which petitioner(s) is/are domiciled*) and exhibited hereto is an affidavit as to that law sworn by a person who is conversant with it and who practices or has practised as a barrister or advocate in that country [*or* is a duly accredited representative of the government of that country in the United Kingdom].

22. It is proposed that the costs of this petition shall be provided for as follows, namely—

Your petitioner prays [*or* Your petitioners pray]—

(1) that a provisional adoption order in respect of the said A.B. may be made in pursuance of section 38 of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

[(2) that the costs of this petition may be provided for as in paragraph [22] of this petition or otherwise as the court may direct;]

(3) such further or other order as the nature of the case may require.

Signed

Petitioner(s).

(Verifying Affidavit and Notices as in Form 2).

Rule 9(2)(*b*)

FORM 4

Consent of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) to Adoption Order or Provisional Adoption Order

[*Title as in Form* 2]

I of in the County [Borough] of being the [mother] [father] [guardian] of the infant hereby state that I understand that if an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] is made in respect of the infant its effect will be to deprive me permanently of my rights as [parent] [guardian] and to transfer them to the applicants for the adoption order [*or* that I understand that if a provisional adoption order is made in respect of the infant its effect will be to enable the applicants for the order to remove the infant from Northern Ireland either immediately or after an interval for the purpose of adopting him/her abroad and to give the custody of the infant to the said applicants pending his/her adoption].

I further understand that the court cannot make an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] without the consent of each parent or guardian of the infant unless the court dispenses with such consent on the ground that the parent or, as the case may be, guardian has abandoned, neglected or persistently ill-treated the infant, or cannot be found, or is incapable of giving consent, or is unreasonably withholding consent or has persistently failed without reasonable cause to discharge the obligations of a parent or guardian or on any other statutory grounds.

I further understand that, when the application for the adoption order [*or* the provisional adoption order] is heard, this document may be used as evidence of my consent.

I hereby consent to the making of an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] in respect of the infant.

[*or* I give my consent only on the condition that the Adopter is [*or* Adopters are] (*name of prospective adopter(s)*).]

[I give my consent only on the condition that the religious persuasion in which the infant is proposed to be brought up is .]

The infant was born on the day of 19 , at in the County [Borough] of and is the person to whom the birth certificate [*or* certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register] now produced and shown to me relates and is attached to this document.

[(*To be completed by mother only where infant is illegitimate*) I have not, nor has anyone on my behalf, taken any proceedings by way of affiliation or otherwise against the father of the said infant [*or* of is liable by virtue of an order made by the Court at on the day of 19 , to contribute to the maintenance of the infant]

I have not entered into any agreement with any body or person regarding payment of maintenance in respect of the said infant [*or* By an agreement dated the day of 19 , of is liable to contribute to the maintenance of the infant].

No person other than myself [*or* as aforesaid] is liable to contribute to the maintenance of the said infant.

As far as I know, no other person or body has taken part in the arrangements for placing the infant in the care and possession of the adopter(s) [except of].

Dated this day of 19 .

Signature of parent [*or* guardian].

Signed in my presence on the said date by the said who satisfied me that he/she fully understood the nature of the foregoing statement.

Signed

Justice of the peace for the County [Borough] of

[*or in England* a justice of the peace or an officer of a county court appointed for the purpose of section 87 of the County Courts Act 1959 or justices' clerk within the meaning of section 21 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1949].

[*or in Scotland* a justice of the peace or the Sheriff].

[*or if executed outside the United Kingdom* any of the persons specified in Rule 21 of the County Court (Adoption) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1967].

Rule 9(2)(*c*)

FORM 5

Statutory Declaration as to Consent of Spouse where Spouses not Joint Petitioners for Adoption Order or Provisional Adoption Order

[*Title as in Form* 2]

I of
solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:—

That I being the husband/wife of
of in the County [Borough]
of hereby consent to the making of an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] on the petition of my wife/husband in respect of the infant.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Taken and declared before and duly attested by me
at in the County [Borough]
of this day
of 19 .

Commissioner for Oaths/Justice of the Peace [*or* if taken abroad by a person specified in section 6 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1889].

Rule 9(2)(*f*)

FORM 6

Medical Certificate as to health of Petitioner

I examined on
and have formed the opinion that he/she is physically, mentally and emotionally suitable to adopt a child.

Signature Date

Qualifications

Address

Rule 10(2)

FORM 7

Serial No.

Notice of presentation of Petition for an Adoption Order or Provisional Adoption Order

[*Title as in Form* 2]

TAKE NOTICE that a petition for an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] in respect of the above-named infant is to be heard by the above-named Court for the above-named Division.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that under Rule 11 of the County Court (Adoption) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 279) if you wish to object to the grant of an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] you must within 10 days of service on you of this notice give written notice to the clerk of the Crown and peace of your intention to object, quoting the above serial number.

If you give such written notice, you will be notified of the date on which you must attend Court.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if you do not give such written notice of your intention to object to the making of the said order at the said hearing the Court may make such order as in the opinion of the Court is just and expedient.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that while the application is pending, a parent or guardian of the infant, who has already signified his consent to the making of an adoption order or any other person or body, must not, except with leave of the Judge, remove the infant from the care and possession of the applicant(s). Application for such leave may be made personally to the Judge.

Dated this day of 19 .

Signed

Solicitor for the applicant.

To—

1. The parent(s) or guardian(s) of the infant.
2. Any person who is liable by virtue of any order or agreement to contribute to the maintenance of the infant.
3. Any person or body having the rights and powers of a parent of the infant under section 104 of or paragraph 14(1) of Schedule 5 to the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968.
4. The welfare authority to whom the applicant has given notice under section 3(1) of the Act, where such welfare authority is not the guardian ad litem.
5. Any adoption society or, without prejudice to the foregoing, any local authority who has taken part in the arrangements for the adoption of the infant.
6. Any other person upon whom the Court has directed service of this Notice.

Rule 18(1)

FORM 8

Serial No.

Interim Order giving custody of infant to Applicant for Adoption Order or Provisional Adoption Order by way of probationary period

BY THE COUNTY COURT JUDGE/RECORDER

IN THE MATTER OF the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.
AND IN THE MATTER OF A.B. an infant.

UPON READING the petition of C.D. (*description*) of in the County [Borough] of [and of E.F. of the same address], the verifying affidavit and the exhibits* thereto, viz.—

(*a*) a copy of the notice served on the Welfare Authority under section 3(1)(*b*) of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

(*b*) the consent of the parent(s) [*or* guardian(s)] of the infant;

(*c*) a statutory declaration of the husband/wife of the petitioner signifying his/her consent to the making of an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] in respect of the infant;

(*d*) the marriage certificate of the petitioners;

(*e*) the birth certificate of the infant [*or* a certified copy of the entry relating to the infant in the Adopted Children Register];

(*f*) the certificate of a fully registered medical practitioner as to the health of the petitioner(s);

AND UPON READING the affidavit of service of and the affidavits of and and the report of the [Welfare Authority] as *guardian ad litem*;

AND IT APPEARING [that the statutory notice was served upon the said Authority on the day 19 , and] that a copy of the petition [*or* Notice of Hearing] has been served upon ;

AND UPON HEARING Mr. , Solicitor, for the petitioners and the evidence of ;

[AND THE COURT BEING SATISFIED that

IT IS ORDERED that the consent of be and the same is hereby dispensed with;]

AND THE COURT BEING [FURTHER] SATISFIED that the petitioner is [*or* the petitioners are] qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 to be granted an interim adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] and that all conditions precedent to the making of such an order have been fulfilled;

*Delete items which are inapplicable.

IT IS ORDERED that determination of the application be postponed and that the petitioner(s) do have custody of the infant until the day of 19 , by way of a probationary period upon the following terms—

(*insert here any terms as regards provision for the maintenance and education and supervision of the welfare of the infant and otherwise as the Court imposes*).

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the appointment of the Welfare Authority as *guardian ad litem* be and the same is hereby confirmed [*or* that be hereby appointed as *guardian ad litem*].

[And as regards costs it is ordered that].

Dated this day of 19 .

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

Rule 18(3)

FORM 9

Application for Final Determination of Petition for Adoption Order or Provisional Adoption Order

Serial No.

IN THE COUNTY COURT/RECORDER'S COURT for the Division of

IN THE MATTER OF the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.
AND IN THE MATTER OF A.B. an infant.

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be heard at the County Court/Recorder's Court for the above Division at the Courthouse at on the day of 19 , at o'clock in the noon for the final determination of a petition for an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] upon the expiry of the probationary period during which the applicant(s) has/have had custody of the infant under an Interim Order made by the above Court on the day of 19 , when the application for the adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] was postponed.

Dated this day of 19 .

Signed

Solicitor for the applicant.

To—

1. The guardian ad litem.

2. Any other person upon whom the Court has directed service of this notice.

Rule 18(3)

FORM 10

Application for Discharge of Interim Order granting custody of infant for probationary period

Serial No.

IN THE COUNTY COURT/RECORDER'S COURT for the Division of

IN THE MATTER OF the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.
AND IN THE MATTER OF A.B. an infant.

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be heard at the County Court/Recorder's Court for the above Division sitting at the Courthouse at on the day of 19 , at o'clock in the noon for the discharge of an Interim Order made by the said Court on the day of 19 , whereby the petitioner(s) was/were given custody of the infant for a probationary period expiring on the day of 19 , and the application for the adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] was postponed.

The petitioner(s) seek(s) the discharge of the said Interim Order upon the following grounds—

(here insert grounds of application, i.e., whether the petitioner(s) is/are unwilling or unable to retain the custody of the infant or other grounds).

To—

1. The guardian ad litem.
2. Any other person upon whom the Court has directed service of this notice.

Rule 18(4)

FORM 11

Application by Guardian Ad Litem under Section 8(6) of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 for Final Determination of petition for Adoption Order or Provisional Adoption Order

Serial No.

IN THE COUNTY COURT/RECORDER'S COURT for the Division of

IN THE MATTER OF the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.
AND IN THE MATTER OF A.B. an infant.

WHEREAS the petitioner(s) for an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] was/were granted custody of the infant under an Interim Order made by the above Court on the day of 19 , for a probationary period which expired on the day of 19 , and has/have failed to apply for such determination;

[The Welfare Authority], as GUARDIAN AD LITEM, hereby applies to the County Court/Recorder's Court for the above Division at Courthouse at for the final determination of the petition for an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order].

To—

1. The petitioner(s).
2. Any other person upon whom the Court has directed service of this notice.

Rule 18(6)

FORM 12

Order discharging Interim Order granting custody of infant for probationary period

[*Title as in Form* 8]

WHEREAS the Court on the day of 19 , postponed the determination of an application for an adoption order [*or* provisional adoption order] by the petitioner(s) C.D. [and E.F.] and made an Interim Order giving custody of the infant A.B. to the said petitioner(s) until the day of 19 , by way of a probationary period upon the following terms—

(*insert any terms as regards provision for the maintenance and education and supervision of the welfare of the infant, etc.*).

AND WHEREAS an application was made by the [petitioner(s)] [*guardian ad litem*] for the discharge of the Interim Order on the following grounds—

(*set out grounds of application for the discharge*)

and the Court having heard the [petitioner(s) and] *guardian ad litem* on the application

IT IS ORDERED that the said Interim Order be discharged and that the custody of the infant by the petitioner(s) shall determine and that the infant be given into the possession of—

(*state to whom custody of the infant is to be given, i.e., whether welfare authority, adoption society or other person and whether pending arrangements for restoration of infant to parent or guardian, etc.*).

Dated this day of 19 .

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

Rule 24(1)

FORM 13

Adoption Order

[*Title as in Form* 8]

UPON READING the petition of C.D. (*description*) of in the County [Borough] of [and E.F. of the same address], and the verifying affidavit and the exhibits thereto*, viz.—

(*a*) a copy of the notice served on the Welfare Authority under section 3(1)(*b*) of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

(*b*) the consent of the parent(s) [*or* guardian(s)] of the infant;

(*c*) a statutory declaration by the husband/wife of the petitioner signifying his/her consent to the making of an adoption order in respect of the infant;

(*d*) the marriage certificate of the petitioners;

(*e*) the birth certificate of the infant [*or* a certified copy of the entry relating to the infant in the Adopted Children Register];

(*f*) the certificate of a fully registered medical practitioner as to the health of the petitioner(s).

AND UPON READING the Affidavit of service of
and the Affidavits of
and
and the Report of [the Welfare Authority for the area of]
as *guardian ad litem*;

IT IS ORDERED that the appointment of the said guardian ad litem be and the same is hereby confirmed;

AND IT APPEARING [that the statutory notice was served upon the said Authority on the day of 19 , and] that a copy of the petition [*or* Notice of Hearing] has been served upon

AND UPON HEARING Mr. , Solicitor, for the petitioner(s) and the evidence of

[AND THE COURT BEING SATISFIED THAT

IT IS ORDERED that the consent of
be and the same is hereby dispensed with;]

AND THE COURT BEING FURTHER SATISFIED that the petitioner is [*or* the petitioners are] qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 to be granted an Adoption Order, that all the conditions precedent to the making of such an order have been fulfilled, and that such an order will be for the welfare of the infant;

*Delete items which are inapplicable.

AND THE COURT BEING FURTHER SATISFIED with the undertaking of the said petitioner(s) as to the provision to be made for the infant [and with the securing thereof] [and sanctioning the following payment or reward .....];

IT IS ORDERED that the petitioner(s) be authorised to adopt the said infant.

[AND WHEREAS the precise date of the infant's birth has not been proved to the satisfaction of the Court but the Court has determined the probable date of his/her birth to be the day of 19 .]

[AND WHEREAS the country of the birth of the infant has not been proved to the satisfaction of the Court [but it appears probable that the infant was born within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man].]

[AND WHEREAS the infant was born in Northern Ireland but the district of the Superintendent Registrar and district of the Registrar of Births and Deaths in which the birth took place have not been proved to the satisfaction of the Court.]

[AND WHEREAS it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the infant is identical with
to whom the entry numbered and made on the day of 19 , in the Register of Births of the
[*district of the Registrar of Births and Deaths of
in the Superintendent Registrar's district of in the County [Borough] of] relates [*or* with
to whom the entry numbered
and dated the day of 19 , in the Adopted Children Register maintained by the Registrar General for
relates].]

AND WHEREAS the name or names and surname stated in the petition as those by which the infant is to be known are

IT IS DIRECTED that the Registrar General shall make in the Adopted Children Register an entry recording the particulars set out in the Schedule to this Order.

**Or* where birth was registered elsewhere in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man complete according to exact particulars in entry.

[AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the Registrar General shall cause the aforesaid entry in the Register of Births [*or* Adopted Children Register] to be marked with the word "Adopted" [*or* "Re-adopted"].]

Dated this day of 19 .

(Seal)

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

Date and Country of birth of child	Name and surname of child	Sex of child	Name and Surname, address and occupation of adopter or adopters	Date of adoption order and description of court by which made

Rule 24(2)

FORM 14

Provisional Adoption Order

[*Title as in Form* 8]

UPON READING the petition of C.D. *(description)* of in the County [Borough] of [and of E.F. of the same address] and the verifying affidavit and exhibits thereto*, viz—

(*a*) a copy of the notice served on the Welfare Authority under section 3(1)(*b*) of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

(*b*) the consent of the parent(s) [*or* guardian(s)] of the infant;

(*c*) a statutory declaration by the husband/wife of the petitioner signifying his/her consent to the making of a provisional adoption order in respect of the infant;

(*d*) the marriage certificate of the petitioners;

(*e*) the birth certificate of the infant [*or* a certified copy of the entry relating to the infant in the Adopted Children Register];

(*f*) the certificate of a fully registered medical practitioner as to the health of the petitioner(s);

(*g*) an affidavit as to the law of or within ..... *(state country or state or province in which the petitioner(s) is/are domiciled)* sworn by ..... a person who is conversant with that law and who practises [*or* has practised] as a barrister [*or* advocate] in that country [*or* and who is a duly accredited representative of the government of that country in the United Kingdom].

AND UPON READING the Affidavit of service of
and the Affidavits of
and the Report of the [Welfare Authority for the area of]
as *guardian ad litem*;

IT IS ORDERED that the appointment of the said guardian ad litem be and the same is hereby confirmed;

AND IT APPEARING [that the statutory notice was served upon the said Authority on the day of 19 , and] that a copy of the petition [*or* Notice of Hearing] has been served upon

AND UPON HEARING Mr. , Solicitor, for the petitioner(s) and the evidence of

[AND THE COURT BEING SATISFIED THAT

IT IS ORDERED that the consent of
be and the same is hereby dispensed with;]

*Delete items which are inapplicable.

AND THE COURT BEING [FURTHER] SATISFIED that the petitioner is [*or* the petitioners are] qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 to be granted a Provisional Adoption Order, that all the conditions precedent to the making of such an order have been fulfilled, and that such an order will be for the welfare of the infant;

AND THE COURT BEING FURTHER SATISFIED with the undertaking of the said petitioner(s) as to the provision to be made for the infant [and with the securing thereof] [and sanctioning the following payment or reward .....].

IT IS ORDERED that the petitioner(s) be authorised to remove the infant from Northern Ireland for the purpose of adopting him/her under the law of or within the Country namely
in which the petitioner is [*or* the petitioners are] domiciled and that the petitioner(s) do have the custody of the infant pending his/her adoption as aforesaid.

[AND WHEREAS the precise date of the infant's birth has not been proved to the satisfaction of the Court but the Court has determined the probable date of his/her birth to be the day of 19 .]

[AND WHEREAS the Country of the birth of the infant has not been proved to the satisfaction of the Court [but it appears probable that the infant was born within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man].]

[AND WHEREAS the infant was born in Northern Ireland but the district of the Superintendent Registrar and district of the Registrar of Births and Deaths in which the birth took place have not been proved to the satisfaction of the Court.]

[AND WHEREAS it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the infant is identical with
to whom the entry numbered and made on the day of 19 , in the Register of Births of the
[*district of the Registrar of Births and Deaths of
in the Superintendent Registrar's district of
in the County [Borough] of [relates [*or* with
to whom the entry numbered
and dated the day of 19 , in the Adopted Children Register maintained by the Registrar General for
relates].]

AND WHEREAS the name or names and surname stated in the petition as those by which the infant is to be known are

IT IS DIRECTED that the Registrar General shall make in the Adopted Children Register an entry recording the particulars set out in the Schedule to this Order.

**Or* where birth was registered elsewhere in the United Kingdom the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man complete according to exact particulars in entry.

[AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the Registrar General shall cause the aforesaid entry in the Register of Births [*or* Adopted Children Register] to be marked with the words "Provisionally Adopted" [*or* "Provisionally Re-adopted"].]

Dated this day of 19 .

(Seal)

Clerk of the Crown and Peace.

Date and country of birth of child	Name and surname of child	Sex of child	Name and surname, address and occupation of adopter or adopters	Date of adoption order and description of court by which made
				Provisional order made on the ....

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These Rules provide for the procedure in the County Court governing applications for the adoption of children and other proceedings under the Adoption Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

They replace the procedure in the County Court under the Adoption of Children Act (Northern Ireland) 1950 prescribed in the Adoption of Children (Northern Ireland) County Court Rules 1954. The Act of 1950 is now repealed and the Rules of 1954 revoked as from the commencement of these Rules and of the Act of 1967.

1969. No. 280 **[NC]**

THE FIREARMS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969

Appointed Day

ORDER, DATED 16TH OCTOBER 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 53(2) OF THE FIREARMS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1969.

I, the Right Honourable Robert Wilson Porter, Q.C., Minister of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 53(2) of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a), do hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969.

2. The Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 except section 53 thereof shall come into operation on the 16th day of October 1969.

Dated this 16th day of October 1969.

R. W. Porter,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Section 53 of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 came into operation on 10th July 1969. This Order brings into operation the remaining provisions of the Act.

(a) 1969. c. 12 (N.I.).