

**Note 4**

The occupation you give here will appear on the adoption order and will subsequently be entered in the Adopted Children Register. Please note that failure to give full details may result in a delay in issuing the child's adoption certificate. It is important that you enter the full title of your occupation (or former occupation if you are retired), for example, 'secondary school teacher' or 'ballet teacher', not 'teacher'; 'self-employed carpenter', not 'self-employed'; 'retired police officer', not 'retired'. Abbreviations or general descriptions such as 'self-employed', 'part-time worker', or 'retired', cannot be accepted. Please note also that company names cannot be entered in the Register and it is not sufficient to enter that you are an 'employee' or 'worker' with any particular company; you must give your occupation. If you are unemployed or currently unable to work because of disability, you should give your last occupation. If you are a member of HM Forces, you should give your rank and/or profession.

**Note 5**

Enter your relationship to the child you are applying to adopt, for example, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, other relative (please specify). If you do not currently have any relationship to the child other than as prospective adopter, please enter 'none'.

**Note 6**

An adoption order cannot be made unless:

- you are (in the case of two applicants, at least one of you is) domiciled in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man; **or**
- you (in the case of two applicants, both of you) have been habitually resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for a period of at least one year, ending with the date of your application. The United Kingdom means England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

'Domicile' is normally taken to mean the place where you have your permanent home. 'Habitual residence' is normally taken to refer to usual, or customary, residence in a particular place. **If you are in any doubt as to whether you meet these conditions, you should seek legal advice.**

**Note 7**

If you are applying to adopt alone and you are the partner (including husband, wife or civil partner) of the child's father or mother or other parent, you should complete paragraph (l) and then go straight to Part 2 About the Child. Paragraphs (m) to (r) do not apply to you.

The definitions of 'Other Parent' are;

- A woman who was in a Civil Partnership with the mother at the time of assisted reproduction and who is a parent by virtue of section 42 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008
- A woman who was not in a Civil Partnership with the mother at the time of assisted reproduction and who is a parent by virtue of section 43 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008

**Note 8**

If you are applying to adopt alone and you are the partner (but not the husband, wife or civil partner) of a person who is not the parent of the child you wish to adopt, you should complete paragraph (m). Please give your reasons for applying to adopt alone. If there is not enough room for your reply, you may continue on a separate sheet. You should then go straight to Part 2 About the Child. Paragraphs (n) to (r) do not apply to you.