

## Part 2 About the Child

### Note 12

If the child has previously been adopted, a certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register should be attached and not a certified copy of the full entry in the Register of Live Births. Where you are unable to attach a certificate, enter the place (including the country) of the child's birth, if known.

No application may be made in respect of a person who is aged 18 or more at the time of the application.

### Note 13

The court cannot make an adoption order in relation to any person who is or has been married, or any person who is or has been a civil partner.

### Note 14

If the child you wish to adopt was not placed with you for adoption by an adoption agency, you must notify in writing the local authority for the area in which you live of your intention to apply for an adoption order. You must give the local authority notice of your intention not more than 2 years, and not less than 3 months, before the date of your application to the court.

### Note 15

Give details of the name of the court that made the placement or freeing order, the nature of the order, the case number and the date the order was made.

You should attach a copy of the placement or freeing order to your application.

### Note 16

If some person or body is liable to pay maintenance for the child under a court order, or a maintenance agreement or child support maintenance awarded by the Child Support Agency, give the name and address of the person or body liable to pay. In the case of a maintenance order, give the name of the court and the date the order was made; otherwise, give the date of the maintenance agreement or child support maintenance award.

If possible, you should attach a copy of any maintenance order or a copy of the maintenance agreement or maintenance award to your application.

### Note 17

If there are earlier, or current, court proceedings relating to the child you are applying to adopt (for example, proceedings for a care order, a contact order, a parental responsibility order or a residence order), give the name of the court, the nature of the proceedings and the date and effect of any order made, or the date of the next hearing if proceedings are current. You do not need to repeat the details of any placement order, freeing order, or maintenance order or agreement you have already given.

If you were a party to any proceedings that have been completed, you should attach a copy of the final order to your application.

**Important:** if you have previously applied for an adoption order in respect of the same child and the order was refused, you will need to satisfy the court that there has been a change of circumstances since you last applied, or that there is some other reason why the court should hear your current application. Please set out your reasons for making this application on a separate sheet, explaining why you think the application should be heard. Please put the child's full name, the number of the Part and the paragraph reference at the head of the sheet and attach it to your application form.