

Application for variation or revocation of a contact order made under section 26 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Form A54)

Notes on completing the form

Important

This form is for use only if you are asking the court to vary or revoke a contact order made under section 26 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

If you are attaching any order of the High Court or a county court to your application, it must be a **sealed** copy of the order (that is, a copy that has been stamped with the seal of the court). If you are attaching an order made by a magistrates' court, it must be a **certified copy** (a copy certified by the court officer to be a true copy of the original order) or a copy that bears the stamp of the originating court. An order issued by any other authority must be properly authenticated by that authority. If you are in any doubt about what is needed, the court staff will be able to advise you.

Take or send the completed application form, and **three copies**, to the court, together with the court fee and any documents you are attaching in support of your application. If you are not sure about the court fee payable for your application, or you think that you may be exempt from paying all or part of the fee, you should contact the court for information.

Notes on the application form

Note 1

To be eligible to apply for a variation or revocation of a contact order made under section 26 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002, you must be:

- the child to whom the contact order applies; or
- an officer of the adoption agency that is authorised to place, or has placed, for adoption the child named in the contact order; or
- a person named in the contact order to which your application applies.

You must attach a copy of the contact order to your application.

Note 2

If you are a prospective adopter (that is, you will be making an application to adopt the child), please see Note 4 below. Otherwise, if you do not want your private address and telephone number, or the child's address, or (if the child does not live with you) the name of the person with whom the child lives, to be disclosed to any other party, do not enter those details on this application form. Instead you should enter the details on Form A65, which you must file at the court with your application. The information will not then be disclosed to any person, except by order of the court.

Note 3

If you are applying as an officer of the adoption agency that is authorised to place the child for adoption, or has placed the child for adoption, you should enter the name and address of the adoption agency and the telephone number on which you can be contacted during working hours.