

# School Admissions for Children Adopted from Overseas Bill [HL]

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Make provision for children adopted from overseas to receive the same priority for admission to maintained schools as children looked after or previously looked after by a local authority in England.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 School Admissions Code**

- (1) The Secretary of State must revise the code of practice for school admissions in accordance with sections 84 and 85 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, to contain provision that children adopted from overseas must receive the same priority for admission as children looked after or previously looked after by a local authority in England. 5
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay the revision under subsection (1) before each House of Parliament within four months of this Act coming into force.

**2 Amendment to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998**

- (1) Section 88B of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 is amended as follows. 10
- (2) In subsection (1), after the second “England” insert “and those adopted from overseas”.

**3 Definition of “child adopted from overseas”**

In this Act and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, “child adopted from overseas” means a child that was born overseas or was previously in care outside the United Kingdom and has since been legally adopted by UK citizens and currently resides in the United Kingdom. 15

**4 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only. 20

- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the School Admissions for Children Adopted from Overseas Act 2020.



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