

Adoption calendar before making of an Adoption Order application©

If a child has been living with an applicant the following calendar applies before the making of an application for an Adoption Order:

1. 10 weeks - The child was placed by an adoption agency or by the Order of the High Court or if the applicant is a parent of the child. Section 42(2) Adoption and Children Act 2002
2. 6 months - One of the applicants is a partner of a parent. Section 42(3) Adoption and Children Act 2002
3. 1 year - The applicant is a Local Authority foster parent. Section 42(4) Adoption and Children Act 2002
4. Not less than 3 years during the period of 5 years preceding the application in all other cases. Section 42(5) Adoption and Children Act 2002
5. The Court may nevertheless give leave to make an application in respect of ss42(4) &(5) that do not quite make the requirements.