



**Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt
a Child from a Convention Country**
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

**USCIS
Form I-800A**

Returned	Resubmitted	Receipt	This application was filed by: <input type="checkbox"/> A Married Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> An Unmarried Applicant This application is approved for a Convention adoptee from: (Name of Convention Country) Period of approval valid until: Date	Action Block
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To be Completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any).	<input type="checkbox"/> Select this box if Form G-28 or G-28I is attached.	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable) <input type="text"/>	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any) <input type="text"/>
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Part 1. Basis of Filing

See USCIS Form G-1055, Fee Schedule, available at www.uscis.gov/g-1055, for information on filing fees.

- ☐ You are a U.S. citizen who plans to adopt or has adopted a child from a country that is party to the Hague Adoption Convention
- ☐ You previously filed a Form I-800A; AND your marital status changed while your I-800A application was pending

Part 2. Information About You (Applicant)

1. Provide the following information about yourself:

Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if applicable)

Other Names Used (including maiden name if appropriate)

USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

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U.S. Social Security Number (if any)

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Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Birth (City/Town, State/Province, Country)

Current Physical Address

In Care Of Name (if any)

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

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City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

Part 2. Information About You (Applicant) (continued)**Current Mailing Address** (if different from physical address)

In Care Of Name (if any)

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

2. I intend to adopt a child habitually residing in the following Convention country:

Warning: If you are seeking to adopt a child who is habitually residing in a country other than a Convention country, **STOP**. You cannot file this application. See **Pages 1 to 2** of the Form I-800A instructions for additional filing information.

3. I am a habitual resident of the United States as:

- ☐ A person who is domiciled in the United States.
- ☐ A person who is domiciled in the United States, even if temporarily living outside the United States.
- ☐ A person who will establish a domicile in the United States on or before the date of the child's admission to the United States for permanent residence as a Convention adoptee.
- ☐ A person domiciled outside the United States who will bring the child to the United States after adoption and before the child's 18th birthday for naturalization as a U.S. citizen.

4. I am:

- ☐ A citizen of the United States. I obtained my U.S. citizenship through:
- ☐ Birth in the United States ☐ Parent(s) ☐ Naturalization
- ☐ Not a citizen of the United States. **STOP**. You may not file this application (see **Pages 1 to 2** of instructions for eligibility to file).

5. If you derived or acquired citizenship through your parent(s), have you obtained your own certificate of citizenship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide the following information:

Name Under Which Certificate of Citizenship Was Issued

Certificate of Citizenship Number

Date of Issuance (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Issuance

Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

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Part 2. Information About You (continued)

6. If you became a citizen by naturalization, give the following information:

Name Under Which Certificate of Citizenship Was Issued

Naturalization Certificate Number

Date of Naturalization (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Naturalization

Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

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7. Have you, or any person through whom you claimed citizenship, ever lost U.S. citizenship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach a detailed explanation including date, place, and circumstances on a separate sheet of paper.

Provide the following information about your current marital status.

- 8.a. I am:

- ☐ Single, never married.
- ☐ Single, with all previous marriages terminated. (If you select this box, you must complete **Item Number 8.c.**)
- ☐ Married, with no previous marriages. (If you select this box, you must complete **Item Number 8.b.**)
- ☐ Married, with all previous marriages terminated. (If you select this box, you must complete **Item Number 8.b.**, and **8.c.**)

- 8.b. If married, provide the following information:

Date of Current Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Current Marriage (City/Town, State/Province, Country)

- 8.c. Information on all previous marriages, if applicable. Begin with the most recent termination.

1. Number of Previous Marriages (Do not count current marriage)

Provide the following information on each terminated marriage (if applicable):

- 2.a. Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)

Name of Prior Spouse

How Marriage Ended ☐ Divorce ☐ Death ☐ Other

- 2.b. Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)

Name of Prior Spouse

How Marriage Ended ☐ Divorce ☐ Death ☐ Other

NOTE: If you need more space to complete, use a separate sheet of paper. Write your name and USCIS Account Number, if known, at the top of each sheet of paper and indicate the part and number of the item to which the answer refers.

9. My contact information is (all phone numbers must include area code and country code, if applicable):

Daytime Telephone Number (with area/
country code)

Home Telephone Number (if different from daytime
telephone number)

E-Mail Address (if any)

Part 2. Information About You (continued)

Have you ever, whether in or outside the United States:

10.a. Been arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding traffic violations, but including driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10.b. Been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10.c. Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or parole, or in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10.d. At any time been the subject of any investigation by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any State or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child, *other than* an investigation that has been completed and formally closed based on a finding that the allegation of abuse or neglect was unfounded or unsubstantiated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Each of the above questions must be answered. See **"Duty of Disclosure"** on **Page 7** of the instructions to Form I-800A concerning your ongoing duty to disclose information in answer to these questions. If the answer is "Yes" to any of the questions, provide a certified copy of the documentation showing the final disposition of each incident which resulted in arrest, indictment, conviction, and/or any other judicial or administrative action and a written statement giving details, including any mitigating circumstances, about each arrest, signed under penalty of perjury under U.S. law. The written statement must show the date of each incident; place incident occurred (city/town, State/province, country); name of police department or other law enforcement administration or other entity involved; date of incarceration and name of facility, if applicable. Provide a description of any type of counseling, rehabilitation, or other information that you would like considered in light of this history on a separate sheet of paper.

Part 3. Information About Your Spouse

1. If you are married, provide the following information about your spouse:

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name (if applicable)

Other Names Used (including maiden name if appropriate)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Birth (City/Town, State/Province, Country)

U.S. Social Security Number (if any)

Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

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USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

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Part 3. Information About Your Spouse (continued)

2. Does your spouse reside with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," provide the following information. **NOTE:** If you are still legally married but separated from your spouse, you cannot file this application unless your spouse will join in the submission of Form I-800A, subsequent Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative, and the adoption of the Convention child.

Spouse's Physical Address

In Care Of Name (if any)

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

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City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

Spouse's Current Mailing Address (if different from home address)

In Care Of Name (if any)

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

☐ ☐ ☐

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

Spouse's Contact Information

Daytime Telephone Number (with area/
country code)

E-Mail Address (if any)

- 3.a. Prior to your current marriage, has your spouse been previously married? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide the following information. Begin with the most recent termination.

- 3.b. Number of Previous Marriages (Do not count current marriage)

- 3.c. Provide the following information on each terminated marriage (if applicable):

- 3.d. Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy) Name of Prior Spouse

How Marriage Ended

☐ Divorce ☐ Death ☐ Other

- 3.e. Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy) Name of Prior Spouse

How Marriage Ended

☐ Divorce ☐ Death ☐ Other

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Part 3. Information About Your Spouse (continued)

4. Your spouse:

- ☐ Is a citizen of the United States through:
- ☐ Birth in the United States ☐ Parent(s) ☐ Naturalization
- ☐ Is a non-citizen national of the United States.
- ☐ Is an alien who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence.
- ☐ Is an alien who has **not** been lawfully admitted for permanent residence. (Provide a full explanation on a separate sheet of paper. Copies of any relevant documents relating to any other immigration status must be attached to Form I-800A. If your spouse is an alien who does not live in the United States, provide a complete explanation.)

5. If your spouse derived citizenship through his or her parent(s), has he or she obtained his or her own certificate of citizenship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide the following information:

Name Under Which Certificate of Citizenship Was Issued

Naturalization Certificate Number

Date of Naturalization (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Naturalization

Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

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6. If your spouse became a citizen by naturalization, give the following information:

Name Under Which Certificate of Naturalization Was Issued

Naturalization Certificate Number

Date of Naturalization (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Naturalization

Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

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7. Has your spouse, or any person through whom he or she claimed citizenship, ever lost U.S. citizenship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper.

Has your spouse ever, whether in or outside the United States:

- 8.a. Been arrested, cited, charged, indicted, convicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding traffic violations, but including driving or operating a vehicle while intoxicated or while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 8.b. Been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 8.c. Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation or parole, or in an alternative sentencing or rehabilitation program, such as diversion, deferred prosecution, deferred or withheld adjudication, or expungement of a criminal charge? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 8.d. At any time been the subject of any investigation by any child welfare agency, court, or other official authority in any State or foreign country concerning the abuse or neglect of any child, *other than* an investigation that has been completed and formally closed based on a finding that the allegation of abuse or neglect was unfounded or unsubstantiated? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part 3. Information About Your Spouse (continued)

Each of the above questions must be answered. See **"Duty of Disclosure"** on **Page 7** of the instructions to Form I-800A concerning your ongoing duty to disclose information in answer to these questions. If the answer is "Yes" to any of the questions, provide a certified copy of the documentation showing the final disposition of each incident which resulted in arrest, indictment, conviction, and/or any other judicial or administrative action and a written statement giving details, including any mitigating circumstances, about each arrest, signed by your spouse under penalty of perjury under U.S. law. The written statement must show the date of each incident; place incident occurred (city/town, State/province, country); name of police department or other law enforcement administration or other entity involved; date of incarceration and name of facility, if applicable. Provide a description of any type of counseling, rehabilitation, or other information that you and your spouse would like considered in light of this history on a separate sheet of paper.

Part 4. General Information

1. The home study:

- ☐ Is attached to this application.
- ☐ Is not attached to this application because of State requirements necessitating review and documentation. The appropriate State authority has indicated that it will submit the home study directly to USCIS. (Do not submit your Form I-800A to USCIS until the State authority is ready to send the home study to USCIS.)

2. Name and Address of Adoption Service Provider. Provide the name and address of either (Check one):

- 2.a.** ☐ The adoption service provider that is responsible for your home study (either the accredited agency or temporarily accredited agency, as defined in 22 CFR 96.2, that prepared and approved your home study or reviewed and approved your home study after it was prepared by another authorized home study preparer, or the public domestic authority, as defined in 22 CFR 96.2, that both prepared and approved your home study); **or**
- 2.b.** ☐ The primary adoption service provider who is responsible in your case, if you have already identified a primary adoption service provider. (A primary adoption service provider is an accredited or temporarily accredited agency or approved person who is responsible under 22 CFR Part 96.14 for the six adoption services defined in 22 CFR Part 96.2, and for supervising and being responsible for supervised providers where used in a Convention adoption case.)

Name of Adoption Service Provider

Point of Contact (contact person within the organization)

Daytime Telephone Number (with area/

country code)

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

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City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

- 3.** Provide a written description of the preadoption requirements, if any, of the State of the child's proposed residence when it is known that the child will be adopted in the United States, including a citation to the relevant State statutes and regulations. Describe the steps that have already been taken or that are planned to comply with these requirements. Any preadoption requirements which cannot be met at the time Form I-800A is filed because of the operation of State law must be noted and explained.

NOTE: If you need more space than what is provided, use a separate sheet of paper to complete and file with this application. Type or print your name and USCIS Online Account Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which you answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

Part 4. General Information (continued)You plan to (Select **one** box):

- 4.a. ☐ Complete the proposed adoption in the Convention country.
- 4.b. ☐ Obtain legal custody of the child in the Convention country and adopt the child in the United States. (If you selected **Item Number 4.b.**, make sure that you have properly completed **Item Number 3.** above.)

5. Do you plan to concurrently adopt more than one child from the same Convention country? (Home study must contain a specific recommendation for the number of children you plan to adopt.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," how many?

Have you ever previously filed Form I-600A, Application for Advance Processing of Orphan Petition, Form I-600, Petition to Classify Orphan as an Immediate Relative, Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child From a Convention Country, or Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," provide the following:

- 6.a. Type of Application/Petition Filed

- 6.b. Result - Check the box that best describes the action taken by USCIS and/or U.S. Department of State on your application and/or petition.

☐ Approved - Approval Date (mm/dd/yyyy): ☐ Denied - Denial Date (mm/dd/yyyy): **NOTE:** A copy of the written denial notice must accompany this application.☐ Other - Explain:

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7. Other than a spouse, is there any person 18 years of age or older residing with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," **you must complete Form I-800A Supplement 1**, Listing of Adult Member of the Household, for each person.

8. List all your children under 18 years of age. Also include any child under 18 years of age residing in your household even if you are not the parent of such child.

Name (First/Middle/Last)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country of Birth	A # (if applicable)	Relationship to You (if any)

Part 5. Applicant's Statement, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-800A Instructions before completing this section.

Applicant's Statement

1. Applicant's Statement Regarding the Interpreter (Select the box for either **Item A.** or **B.**)
 - A. I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this supplement and my answer to every question.
 - B. The interpreter named in **Part 7.** has read to me every question and instruction on this supplement and my answer to every question in , a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.
2. Applicant's Statement Regarding the Preparer (if applicable)

At my request, the preparer named in **Part 8.**, , prepared this supplement for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Applicant's Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine the suitability and eligibility of the applicant or petitioner as an adoptive parent.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this supplement, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

I understand that USCIS will require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (for example, fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:

1. I reviewed and provided or authorized all of the information in my application;
2. I understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Applicant's Duty of Disclosure

I understand the ongoing duty to disclose information concerning my suitability and eligibility to adopt, as described in the Form I-800A and/or Form I-800 instructions, and I agree to notify my home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.

Applicant's Signature

3. Applicant's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

Part 6. Your Spouse's Statement, Certification, Duty of Disclosure, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-800A and Form I-800 Instructions before completing this section.

Your Spouse's Statement

1. Your Spouse's Statement Regarding the Interpreter (select the box for either **Item A.** or **B.**)
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2. I understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in and submitted with my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

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Your Spouse's Signature

3. Your Spouse's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)


Part 7. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

If you and/or your spouse (if married) used an interpreter to read and complete this supplement, provide the following information about the interpreter.

Interpreter's Full Name

1. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name) Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)
2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Interpreter's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐ Number
City or Town State ZIP Code
Province Postal Code Country

Interpreter's Contact Information

4. Requestor's Daytime Telephone Number
5. Requestor's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Requestor's Email Address (if any)

Interpreter's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

I am fluent in English and which is the same language specified in **Parts 5. and 6., Item B in Item Number 1.**, and I have read to this applicant and/or the applicant's spouse in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and their answer to every question. The applicant and/or the applicant's spouse informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the application, including the **Applicant's Certification** and the **Your Spouse's Certification**, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

Interpreter's Signature

7. Interpreter's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)



Part 8. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant and Spouse

If you and/or your spouse (if married) used a preparer to complete this application, provide the following information about the preparer.

Preparer's Full Name

1. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name) Preparer's Given Name (First Name)
2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Preparer's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐ Number
- City or Town State ZIP Code
- Province Postal Code Country

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number
5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

Preparer's Statement

7. **A.** I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this supplement on behalf of the adult member of the household and/or applicant and with the adult member of the household's and/or applicant's consent.
- B.** I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the adult member of the household and/or applicant in this case extends/does not extend beyond the preparation of this supplement

Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant and/or the applicant's spouse (if married). The applicant and the applicant's spouse (if married) then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the **Applicant's Certification** and the **Your Spouse's Certification**, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer's Signature

8. Preparer's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)