

## Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country

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**For USCIS Use Only**

**Part 1. Information About You** *(Person filing this application)*

**1. Provide the following information about yourself:**

Family Name *(Last Name)*      Given Name *(First Name)*      Middle Name  
           

Other Names Used *(including maiden name if appropriate)*  
     

USCIS Account #      U.S. Social Security # *(if any)*  
     

Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)*      Place of Birth *(City/Town, State/Province, Country)*  
     

**Home Address - Street Number and Name**      Apt. #  
     

City      State or Province  
     

Zip/Postal Code      Country  
     

**Mailing Address *(if different from home address)***      Apt. #  
     

C/O *(in care of)*

City      State or Province  
     

Zip/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.

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**This application was filed by:**

A Married Applicant

An Unmarried Applicant

**This application is approved for a Convention adoptee from:**

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(Name of Convention Country)

**Period of approval valid until:**

\_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

**Action Block**

**To Be Completed By**  
*Attorney or Representative, if any.*

Fill in box if G-28 is attached to represent the applicant.

ATTY State License #

**Part 1. Information About You** (Continued)

**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	A # (if known)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- 6.** If you 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	A # (if known)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

- 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.

- 8.** Provide the following information about your current marital status.

**a. I am:**

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

**b.** If married, provide the following information:

Date of Current Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy)    Place of Current Marriage (City/Town, State/Province, Country)

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**Part 1. Information About You** (Continued)

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

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

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

<b>a.</b> Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Prior Spouse	How Marriage Ended
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Other

<b>b.</b> Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Prior Spouse	How Marriage Ended
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Phone # (with area/country code)	Home Phone # (if different from daytime #)	E-Mail Address (if any)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

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

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**Part 2. Information About Your Spouse**

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

Family Name ( <i>Last Name</i> )	Given Name ( <i>First Name</i> )	Middle Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other Names Used ( <i>including maiden name if appropriate</i> )		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	Place of Birth ( <i>City/Town, State/Province, Country</i> )	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
U.S. Social Security # ( <i>if any</i> )	A # ( <i>if any</i> )	USCIS Account # ( <i>if any</i> )
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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.

**Home Address - Street Number and Name**  Apt. #

City  State or Province  Zip/Postal Code  Country

**Spouse's Mailing Address (*if different from home address*)**  Apt. #

C/O (*in care of*)

City  State or Province  Zip/Postal Code  Country

**Spouse's Contact Information**

Daytime Phone #  E-Mail Address   
(*with area/country code*) (*if any*)

3. 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.

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

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

1. Date Marriage Ended ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	Name of Prior Spouse	How Marriage Ended
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Other

**Part 2. Information About Your Spouse** (Continued)

2. Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Prior Spouse	How Marriage Ended
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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

Certificate of Citizenship Number	Date of Issuance (mm/dd/yyyy)	Place of Issuance	A # (if known)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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	A # (if known)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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.

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

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**Part 2. Information About Your Spouse** (Continued)

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

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**Part 3. General Information**

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**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):

- 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**
- 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 Phone # (with area/country code)

Street Number and Name

Suite #

City

State or Province

Zip/Postal Code

Country

**Part 3. General Information** (Continued)

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 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.

4. You plan to (Check one):
- a.  Complete the proposed adoption in the Convention country.
  - b.  Obtain legal custody of the child in the Convention country and adopt the child in the United States. (If you selected **Box 4, b**, make sure that you have properly completed Item 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?
6. 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:

- a. Type of Application/Petition Filed

- 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:

**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.

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**Part 3. General Information** (Continued)

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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)

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**Part 4. Certification and Signature of You, the Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)** (Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this section.)

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**Your certification:**

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that:

1. Each answer I have given to each question on Form I-800A and attached supplement(s) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; and
2. I understand the ongoing duty to disclose information concerning my suitability as an adoptive parent, as described on **Page 7** of the instructions to Form I-800A, and I agree to notify the home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.

**Your Signature****Date (mm/dd/yyyy)****Certification of your spouse (if you are married):**

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that:

1. Each answer I have given to each question on Form I-800A and attached supplement(s) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; and
2. I understand the ongoing duty to disclose information concerning my suitability as an adoptive parent, as described on **Page 7** of the instructions to Form I-800A, and I agree to notify the home study preparer and USCIS of any new information that I am required to disclose.

**Signature of Spouse****Date (mm/dd/yyyy)**

If you do not completely fill out this form or fail to submit required documents listed in the instructions, you may not be found eligible for the benefit sought and this application will be denied.

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**Part 4. Certification and Signature of You, the Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)** (Continued)

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**NOTICE:** If you want to give consent for USCIS to disclose information about your case to your adoption service provider, you should complete Form I-800A, Supplement 2, Consent to Disclose Information. You are not required to give this consent in order to file Form I-800A.

**ALSO:** If you had assistance in filling out this application, the person preparing the form must complete **Part 5**. Only an individual or organization provided for in 8 CFR Part 292 may represent you before USCIS and provide legal services in relation to this immigration proceeding.

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**Part 5. Signature of Person Preparing Form if Other Than Above** (Sign below)

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I declare that I prepared this application at the request of the above person(s), and it is based on all information provided to me by the person(s). I have not knowingly withheld any material information that would affect the outcome of this application.

**Attorney or Representative Only:** In the event of a Request for Evidence (RFE), may USCIS contact you by fax or e-mail?

Yes     No

**Preparer's Signature**

**Date** (mm/dd/yyyy)

**Preparer's Printed Name**

**Preparer's Firm Name** (if applicable)

**Preparer's Address**

**Daytime Phone Number**

**Fax Number**

**E-Mail Address**

(with area code)

(with area code)

(if any)