

# **Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt**

# a Child from a Convention Country

**Department of Homeland Security** 

USCIS Form I-800A

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Returned	Resubmitted	Receipt	This application was filed by:	Action Block
			A Married Applicant	
Date	Date	-	An Unmarried Applicant	
			This application is approved for a	
Date	Date	-	Convention adoptee from:	
Reloc Sent	Reloc Rec'd	1	(Name of Convention Country)	
			Period of approval valid until:	
Date	Date	-	Date	
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## Part 1. Basis of Filing

See USCIS Form G-1055, Fee Schedule, available at <u>www.uscis.gov/g-1055</u>, 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

Vou 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)	N	liddle Name (if applicable)
Other Names Used (including maiden name if appro	priate)		
USCIS Online Account Number (if any) U.S. ►	Social Security Number (if a	ny)	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)     Place of Birth (0	City/Town, State/Province, Co	untry)	
Current 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		

Pa	rt 2. Information About You (Appli	icant) (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					
				<b>▼</b>						
	Province	Postal Code	Country							
2.	I intend to adopt a child habitually re	esiding in the following Co	onvention cou	intry:						
	Warning: If you are seeking to adopt a You cannot file this application. See <b>Pa</b>									
3.	I am a habitual resident of the United	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 Uni child's 18th birthday for naturalizati	•	he child to the	United States aft	er adoption and before the					
4.	I am:									
	A citizen of the United States. I ob	otained my U.S. citizenship	through:							
	Birth in the United States	Parent(s) Naturaliza	ation							
	Not a citizen of the United States. S file).	STOP. You may not file th	is application	(see Pages 1 to 2	of instructions for eligibility to					
5.	If you derived or acquired citizenship through your parent(s), have you obtained your own certificate of Yes No citizenship?									
	If "Yes," provide the following information:									
	Name Under Which Certificate of Citizenship Was Issued									
	Certificate of Citizenship Number	Date of Issuance (mn	n/dd/yyyy)							
	Place of Issuance	Alien Registration Nu	umber (A-Nun	nber) (if any)						
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Part 2.	Information	About	You	(continued)
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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)       ► A-					
7.	Have you, or any person through whom you claimed citizenship, ever lost U.S. citizenship?					
	If "Yes," attach a detailed explanation including date, place, and circumstances on a separate sheet of paper.					
Prov	ide 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					
	<b>2.b.</b> Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)					
	Name of Prior Spouse					
	How Marriage Ended Divorce Death Other					
	<b>NOTE:</b> 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/ Home Telephone Number (if different from daytime					
	country code) telephone number)					
	E-Mail Address (if any)					

Par	t 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, <i>other than</i> an investigation that has been completed and formally closed based on a finding that	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.

the allegation of abuse or neglect was unfounded or unsubstantiated?

aı	art 3. Information About Your Spouse							
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 appro	priate)						
	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Place of Birth (Ci	ty/Town, State/Province, Country) U.S.	Social Security Number (if any)					
	Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) U ► A-	JSCIS Online Account Number (if any)						

# 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.

<b>Spouse's Physical Address</b> In Care Of Name (if any)							
Street Number and Name				Apt. Ste. Flr.	Number		
City or Town				State	ZIP Code		
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Province	Postal Co	ode	Country				
Spouse's Current Mailing Address (if	f different from h	nome addre	ss)				
In Care Of Name (if any)			·				
Street Number and Name				Apt. Ste. Flr.	Number		
City or Town				State	ZIP Code		
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Province	Postal Co	ode	Country				
Spouse's Contact Information							
Daytime Telephone Number (with area	/ ]	E-Mail Add	lress (if any)				
country code)							
Prior to your current marriage, has your	spouse been pre	eviously ma	rried?			Yes	🗌 No
If "Yes," provide the following informa	tion. Begin with	n the most r	ecent terminat	ion.			
Number of Previous Marriages (Do not	count current m	arriage)					
Provide the following information on e	ach terminated n	narriage (if	applicable):				
Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Prior	Spouse					
How Marriage Ended				Divo	rce 🗌 De	eath	Other
Date Marriage Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Prior	Spouse					
How Marriage Ended				Divo	rce De	eath	Other

**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.

Par	rt 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.							
	<ul> <li>Is an alien who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence.</li> <li>Is an alien who has <b>not</b> 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 yo spouse is an alien who does not live in the United States, provide a complete explanation.)</li> </ul>							
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 N						
	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)         ► A-       ►							
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)							
	► A-							
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:							
<b>8.</b> 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, <i>other than</i> 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.

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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.)

Point of Contact (contact perso	on within the organization)	Daytin	me Telephone Number (with area/
		count	ry code)
Street Number and Name			Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
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 (continue	ed)							
You	plan to (Select <b>one</b> box):								
<b>4.a.</b>	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 <b>Item Number 4.b.</b> , make sure that you have properly completed <b>Item Number 3.</b> above.)								
5.	Do you plan to concurrently adopt study must contain a specific reco	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?									
If "Y	es," provide the following:								
6.a.	Type of Application/Petition Filed	1							
6.b.	Result - Check the box that best d or petition.	escribes the action t	aken by USCIS and/or	U.S. Department of State o	on your application and/				
	Approved - Approval Date (mm/dd/yyyy):								
	Denied - Denial Date (mm/dd/yyyy):								
	<b>NOTE:</b> A copy of the writte	n denial notice mus	t accompany this appli	cation.					
	Other - Explain:								
	<b>NOTE:</b> If you need more space the Type or print your name and USC <b>Number</b> , and <b>Item Number</b> to w	IS Online Account	Number (if any) at the	top of each sheet; indicate t					
7.	Other than a spouse, is there any p	person 18 years of a	ge or older residing wi	th you?	Yes No				
	If "Yes," you must complete For	m I-800A Supplem	nent 1, Listing of Adul	t Member of the Household	, for each person.				
8.	List all your children under 18 yea are not the parent of such child.	ars of age. Also inc	lude any child under 1	8 years of age residing in yo	our household even if you				
	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)
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**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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based only upon information I provided or authorized.

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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

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

# 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 Gi	ven Name (First	Name)		
2.	Preparer's Business or Organization Nar	ne (if any)					
Du	eparer's Mailing Address						
<b>I</b>	epurer's maning Anaress						
3.	Street Number and Name				Apt. Ste	e. Flr.	Number
						] 🗆 [	
	City or Town				State	ZIP C	ode
					-		
	Province	Postal Code		Country			
Pr	onaror's Contact Information						
Pr	eparer'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.

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