Fee

Adoption is provided free of charge. The prospective adoptive parent have to be responsible only for the expenses to be incurred by the travelling of the child to be adopted such as passport fee, air fares, transportation, and concerned medical fee.

To Apply

Prospective parents must apply through an official government social welfare office or recognized non-government agency in their country of residence to the Child Adoption Center or licensed adoption agencies in Thailand.

Child Adoption Center

Child adoption Center Baan Ratchwithi Ratchawithi Home for Girls 255 Ratchawithi Road, Bangkok 10400, Thailand

E- mail : adoption@dcy.go.th

Tel : 02 – 306 8801 – 8809, 02 306 8821

Fax : 02 – 354 7511

Licensed adoption agencies in Thailand

Holt Sahathai Foundation Telephone : 0-2381 – 8834-6

Friends For All Chidren Foundation Telephone: 0- 2243 – 3380

Children's Home Foundation Pattaya Telephone : 038 - 416 426

Thai Red Cross Children's Home Telephone : 0 – 2256 - 4277

Document to be required for Intercountry Adoption Of Thai Child

(1) Copy of passport or identity card (including house registration)

(2) Copy of document certifying marriage and divorce (if any)

(3) Medical certificate vertifying good physical health condition, indication of the applicants' infertility (if any)

(4) The psychological assessment of the applicants made by psychologist or psychiatric doctor

(5) Document certifying occupation and income.

(6) Document certifying current financial status (dating back not over than six months)

(7) Document certifying asset.

(8) Four photographs of the applicant and spouse size 4.5 x 6 centimeters, applicants' children and the home area.

(9) Document from relevant authorities of the country of domicile or residence of the applicant certifying the eligibility of applicant to adopt child according to such country's adoption law.

(10) Document form relevant authorities of the country of domicile or residence of the applicant certifying the eligibility of an adopted child to enter into such country.

(11) Copy of work permit for alien (if any)

(12) References form at least two persons.

(13) Application for Child Adoption which the applicants have filled out.

(14) A Home Study Report which should include details of the applicants.

(15) A statement agreeing to supervise the pre-adoption placement, should the child granted probational placement for a period of at least six month and to forward bi-monthly reports to the Department of Children and Youth of Thailand

(16) Confirmation form COMPETENT AUTHORITY or concerned authority that after the adoption is finalized under the Thai law, it will also be legalized under the concerned Law of the applicants' country when due.

(17) Police Check / Criminal Record / Child abuse Record

(18) Extract of the applicants' divorce and the commitment to give custody of their children (if applicable)

(19) Preparation Course Certificate.

(20) Biography

(Please find more details in Guideline for Intercountry Adoption of Thai Child and Website : www.dcy.go.th/adoption.html)

Adoption in Thailand

How and where to apply
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The regulations governing adoption in Thailand are found in Book V of the Civil and Commercial Code, Family Registration Act of B.E. 2478 , the Child Adoption Act of B.E. 2522, 2533, 2553, Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

Intercountry Adoption Child Adoption Center

The Child Adoption Center, Department of Children and Youth, places children for adoption with families in Thailand and in other countries. The Center is charged with the responsibility for investigating applications for adoption, including all intercountry adoptions, for matching children with prospective parents and for submitting all cases to the Child Adoption Board for approval. Qualified social workers on the staff of the Child Adoption Center examine the suitability and eligibility of prospective parents. They review the documents and backgrounds of all children put up for adoption, including the situation of their natural parents and their individual histories in Chidren's Homes. Children who have no parents or legal guardians or who have been abandoned and committed to the care of the Department of Children and Youth of Thailand may be adopted.

Preliminary Qualifications of Applicants

The applicants must be at least 25 years of age and be at least 15 years older than the child to be adopted. The applicants must be eligible to adopt a foreign child under the relevant laws of the applicants' country residence/domicile.

Application

- Application of the applicants who live abroad The Department of Children and Youth considers only those applications that are made through official government social welfare offices in the country of residence of the prospective parents, or duty authorized non-government agencies of that country
- Application of the foreign applicants who live in Thailand The applicants must submit all required documents to the Child Adoption Center of Thailand

The Child Adoption Center, on behalf of the department, examines and evaluates these applications on the basis of the documents and report of suitability submitted by the authorized social welfare offices or agencies. This includes such details as the applicants' physical and mental health, family situation and financial status. All documents submitted in support of the application must be certified originals.

Matching

After the application has been accepted, the Child Adoption Center arranges the Matching Meeting to match the prospective parents with a child who is legally available for intercountry adoption. The Director of the Child Adoption Center is the chairman of the Matching Board. Currently, there is a long waiting list of qualified prospective adoptive parents. Meanwhile, the number of children who are available are limited. Therefore, presently a family has to wait for a long time before the allocation of a child.

If the applicants have applied through a licensed adoption agency in Thailand, the Child Adoption Center investigates the background of the child who is legally available for intercountry adoption and the prospective parent's qualification as well. Private allocation of a child is not allowed.

Approval and Probation

Once the match is made, the application is put before the Child Adoption Board for approval and the child's report will be proposed to the adoptive parents through the authority in their countries. Accordingly, the application goes to the Minister of Social Development and Human Security for approval of taking the child out of the Kingdom of Thailand.

When approved and after travel documents, etc. have been prepared, the adoptive parents will be invited to travel to Bangkok to be interviewed by the Child Adoption Board, and to receive the child into their family

For a probationary period of not less than six months. During this period, the adoptive parents and the child live together as a family in their country of residence under authorized supervision. Adoptive parents who are residents in Thailand, social workers assigned by the Child Adoption Center will supervise the probationary placement.

Adoption Registration

Upon completion of the probationary placement, and provided that all eligibility requirements are met, the Department will recommend to the Child Adoption Board that formal adoption be granted. The adoptive parents will then be required to register the adoption under the laws of the Kingdom of Thailand, either an Embassy or Consulate of Thailand in their country of residence, or at any District Office in Thailand.