

**Information For Applicants on the Arrangements for the Adoption of Children in the
Republic of the Philippines by Irish Residents**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Adoption Board has entered into an Executive Agreement with the Inter-Country Adoption Board of the Philippines (ICAB). As part of the Agreement, the Adoption Board has undertaken to transmit adoption applications on behalf of Irish residents to the ICAB in Manila. The ICAB will only accept adoption applications submitted through the Board. All correspondence and contacts in relation to adoption applications from Irish residents will have to be channelled through the Board and ICAB will not deal with personal enquiries from prospective adopters or their agents.

2. INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Republic of the Philippines has signed and ratified the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, 1993. The Inter-Country Adoption Board of the Philippines is the statutory body with responsibility for processing all intercountry adoptions in the Philippines. The Department of Social Welfare and Development is responsible for childcare in the Republic of the Philippines. The Department attempts in the first instance to rehabilitate children with their family of origin but if this is not possible then children who are abandoned or surrendered for adoption are offered for adoption in their local area. They are then offered for adoption in the region and finally for adoption throughout the Philippines. The principle of subsidiarity applies in that intercountry adoption is only considered when all other options in relation to finding a child a home in the Philippines have been explored.

The ICAB is not entitled by Filipino law to make intercountry adoption orders in the Philippines in respect of children sent abroad for intercountry adoption. **The child will be placed in the custody of the prospective adoptive parents by ICAB and the adoption of the child will take place under Irish adoption law.**

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Please note that the children generally eligible for adoption under Irish law are **orphans** and **children born to unmarried women** (i.e. a spinster or a widow whose husband was deceased more than 10 months prior to the child's birth). Children of marriage are **not** generally eligible for adoption. Where the natural parents have married and subsequently divorced after the child's birth, the child is **still** considered to be a child of marriage and would **not** be generally eligible for adoption in Ireland.

It is vital that you ensure, prior to accepting the referral of a child, that no question will arise as to the eligibility of the child to be adopted under Irish law.

If you have any queries in this regard you should contact the Adoption Board's domestic adoption section on 01 2309300.

Bi-monthly post-placement reports on the child's health, psychological adjustment and bonding with the prospective adopters are required by ICAB for at least six months from the time of arrival of the child in Ireland.

3. WHO MAY ADOPT

Any foreign national or Filipino citizen permanently residing outside of the Republic of the Philippines. Irish residents wishing to adopt in the republic of the Philippines must have been granted a declaration of eligibility and suitability to adopt abroad by the Adoption Board in advance of submitting an adoption application. Applicant/s must be at least twenty-seven (27) years of age and be at least sixteen (16) years older than the child to be adopted at the time of submitting the adoption application, unless the applicant is a parent of the child or the spouse of the parent. There must be no more than a maximum age gap of forty-five (45) years between the adoptive parents and the adoptive child. * Applicants must be married for three (3) years and if either of the spouses have been divorced then the applicants must be married for five (5) years before submitting an adoption application.

***The following was received by the Adoption Board on 15/2/08 from the Philippino Inter-Country Adoption Board.**

"We wish to inform you that the Inter-Country Adoption Board has amended the marriage requirement for PAPs applying for the Philippine ICA program. From the previous 3 years marriage requirement, the Board will now

consider the length of the common law relationship of PAPs (that culminated in a legal marriage) in the determination of the stability of the couple's relationship. Thus, PAPs who have only been married for one year but have been living together in a common law relationship for several years will now be considered as long as the foreign adoption agency will certify the length of common law relationship of the couple.

This new requirement for PAPs will take effect this February 2008."

4. TIMESCALE FOR ADOPTION IN THE PHILIPPINES

It is not possible to estimate how long it will take to get a referral from the Philippines. The number of children released for intercountry adoptions in the Philippines is limited by law to 600 per year and these children are sent all over the world for adoption. The ICAB has informed the Board that adoption applications from Irish residents will be processed as they are received and that referrals will be made on the basis of matching each child to particular applicant/s. Each adoption application will be acknowledged by the ICAB and then sent to the Placement Committee of the ICAB for review. The Placement Committee, if it is satisfied with the application, will then forward the file to the Board of ICAB for approval and the applicants will then be placed on the Roster of Approved Applicants for matching. The ICAB operate a detailed matching process and the Social Workers involved in matching children rely to a large extent on details in the home study report in relation to the type of child which the applicant/s will accept. Every effort is made to select the family that is best able to meet the needs of the child. More boys than girls are available for adoption, so if a couple want to adopt a girl it will obviously take longer to get a referral.

When a child becomes available for intercountry adoption, the ICAB Social Worker and the Social Worker from the Childrens Home looks at the applicants on the waiting list and short-lists two or three applicant/s in order of preference for the particular child. The Social Workers then attend before the Matching Committee of ICAB and present a written and verbal report on each applicant/s and their reasons for selecting these particular applicant/s. The Matching Committee, having considered the reports from the Social Workers and having discussed the applicants, decide on the most suitable couple for the particular child and then bring their decisions to the full Board of ICAB for ratification.

5. **REFERRAL OF CHILDREN**

Referrals will be received through the Adoption Board. Prospective adopters will receive the following documents in relation to the child:

- (a) Child Study Report;
- (b) Health certificate and medical history of child;
- (c) Recent photographs of the child; and
- (d) Detailed list of pre-adoptive placement costs.

Prospective adoptive parents are expected to notify the Board in writing of their decision whether to accept or reject the child within fifteen (15) calendar days from receipt of the referral unless the applicants request additional information on the child. The referral of the child will be deemed to have been refused by the prospective adopters if they fail to confirm their acceptance within the designated period. Prospective adopters are forbidden from making arrangements to be matched with a particular child through contact with the child's birth parents/guardians or custodians in advance of the matching having been approved by the ICAB.

6. **FINALISATION OF PACK WITH ADOPTION BOARD**

You are strongly advised to consult with Adoption Board staff in advance of putting your adoption pack together. In any event, please ensure that your adoption application has been prepared in accordance with the checklist which is attached at the end of this pack. **You must contact the Adoption Board in advance to make an appointment to have your application pack checked, otherwise you may not be seen on the day.** A standard charge of €32 is levied by the Adoption Board to cover the cost of couriering your adoption application pack to the Philippines and you will be required to pay this amount to the Board at time of lodgement of your adoption application with the Board.

7. **AUTHENTICATION OF APPLICATION TO ADOPT A CHILD IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

The ICAB requires one set of the documents which make up your adoption application pack. The documents should be bound and notarised by a Notary Public and certified by the Registrar, Supreme Court Office, Four Courts, Dublin. You

should ask the Notary to notarise your adoption pack as distinct from notarising every document. Usually the Notary prepares a schedule of documents included in the pack and either seals or signs each document. Once your pack has been notarised you must have it authenticated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Philippines Honorary Consul. The Honorary Consul is Mr. John Ferris. He can be contacted at the following address: 8 Georgian Village, Castleknock, Dublin 15/telephone number **01- 8215424 between the hours of 9a.m. and 9p.m./or e-mail address: philconsulate.eircom.net.** Advance appointments should be made with each office to ensure that they are in a position to deal with your application. The application should then be forwarded to the Board. **Please note that you are required to furnish a photocopy of your entire application pack to the Adoption Board when the pack has been notarised, certified and authenticated by the Notary Public, Supreme Court Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and the Philippines Consul.** The Adoption Board will then transmit your adoption application pack by courier to the ICAB in Manila.

8. **HOW TO CHECK IF YOUR ADOPTION APPLICATION PACK HAS ARRIVED IN THE PHILIPPINES?**

The Board uses the Federal Express Courier Service. You can obtain the consignment number of your adoption application pack from the Adoption Board once your pack has been collected by Federal Express. This number can be used to check on the internet that your adoption application pack has arrived safely in ICAB. Your pack may take up to three (3) days to arrive in the Philippines. The address of the Federal Express internet homepage which facilitates the tracking of consignments is <http://www.fedex.com/uk>. The Federal Express customer services number is 1800 535 800. If you do not have access to the Internet you can telephone Federal Express about seven (7) days after your application has been sent to the Republic of the Philippines to check that it has arrived safely at its destination.

9. **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS INCLUDED IN YOUR ADOPTION APPLICATION PACK. PLEASE NOTE ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE DATED WHEN COMPLETED.**

1. **Adoption Application:**

The adoption application form should be completed by prospective adopter(s) themselves. The application form should include an undertaking under oath signed by the applicant(s) to uphold the rights of the child under Philippine laws and the applicant(s) national laws, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to abide by the provisions of the Intercountry Adoption Law (Republic Act No. 8043) of the Philippines and all rules and regulations issued pursuant thereto. The application should include an undertaking that should the adoption not be approved, or if for any reason the adoption does not take place, the applicant shall pay for the cost of travel back to the Philippines of the child and his/her companion, if any. Please note that your application form has to be sworn in front of a Solicitor.

2. Home Study Report

Since the Home Study of the family applying for intercountry adoption is the basis for the selection and eventual matching of a child, the standards below should guide the assessing agency in the preparation of the Home Study and the following content areas should be covered:

- a. ***Application/Agency/Contact:*** To include date and place of all contacts between the foreign adoption agency social worker and the applicant;
- b. ***Identifying information:*** This covers the name, age of the applicant/s and their children, if any, and the family's home address;
- c. ***Applicant's Background Information:*** It should include childhood experiences of the applicant/s and how they were reared by their family and the significant others in their lives. It should also include the discipline pattern of the family including such sensitive areas as history of child abuse, alcohol and substance abuse, obsessive gambling and coping mechanisms in handling stress/crises and conflicts. It should take into account applicant's physical description and personal traits, information about their parents and siblings and nature of relationships, past and present.
- d. ***Health History:*** Both spouses should indicate any serious illness, physical disabilities or history of mental illness;

- e. ***Employment History/Financial Resources:*** The employment history of the applicant/s should indicate reasons why they moved or changed work. It should also indicate their present source of income, sufficient enough to meet the requirements of the family's lifestyle. They should also be protected from eventualities through insurance policies at an acceptable level of net worth;
- f. ***Religion/Spiritual/Philosophical/Moral Beliefs, Affiliations, Attitudes and Practices;***
- g. ***Educational History:*** Information on the educational background of the applicant/s;
- h. ***Marital and Family Functioning:*** The applicant/s should be legally married for a minimum of three years. Describe the nature and extent of marital relationship, the current family relationships particularly husband/wife, parent/child, sibling/sibling and their extended families;
- i. ***Divorce History:*** If any one of the spouses has a history of divorce, the surrounding circumstances should be discussed. If one of the spouses had been divorced, the second or current marriage should have completed a minimum of five (5) years upon filing of application;
- j. ***Biological and Adopted Children:*** Description of the children, their significant traits and characteristics; their role in the home and their feelings and attitudes towards adoption. Previous history of adoption disruption, if any;
- k. ***Other Persons in the Home:*** Information on other people living in their home should be stated in the Home Study Report. His/her attitude towards adoption should be indicated;
- l. ***Description of Home/Community:*** The home study should describe the family's membership and participation in community organizations, community projects and activities. Community resources and facilities should be included in the report. Indicators should be given on the degree of racial tolerance and how this may affect the adjustment of the child in the community;
- m. ***Preparation for Adoption/Child Plans:*** The home study should contain the specific plans of action on how the family will cope with the new demands of parenting upon arrival of the adoptive child. The attitude of extended families and friends should be indicated, future plans, if any, for

the child are to be included as well as plans for guardianship in case of death or parental incapacity;

- n. ***Motivation and Child Preference:*** This should address reason(s) for wanting to adopt, who, when, how the decision was arrived at; attitude and resolution of feelings towards infertility, if applicable. Child preference should be in terms of age, sex, characteristics and the extent of physical, medical and mental capacity of the child acceptable to the couple and the reasons(s) for such preference;
- o. ***Parenting Experience with Children:*** The couple's experience in taking care of a child/ren either on temporary or prolonged basis should be indicated. Their past experience in parenting and/or knowledge of child care as well as their expressed disposition and attitude towards discipline patterns should be indicated;
- p. ***Appreciation and Knowledge of Philippine Culture:*** Knowledge and /or experience of Philippine culture, attitude and plans towards maintaining child's cultural heritage;
- q. ***Post Adoption Issues:*** The willingness of the applicant/s to have open communication with the biological parents of the child prior to and after finalisation or adoption. Their opinion on the issue of adoption search and motherland tour for the child at the appropriate time;
- r. ***Recommendation:*** Based on an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the family. Indicate the type of the child, age, sex, number of child/ren with special needs who would benefit by being placed in this family.

3. **Adoption Board Declaration**

Your original declaration of eligibility and suitability to adopt abroad should be included with the adoption application pack.

4. **Birth Certificate**

The long form of applicant(s) birth certificate/s. The birth certificate/s should include the applicant(s) name, sex, date of birth, place of birth and the names of his/her parents.

5. **Marital Status Certificate**

A married couple should provide their marriage certificate issued by the relevant State authority. A sole applicant should submit an affidavit confirming the applicant's single status. In the case of a divorced applicant(s) a divorce decree(s) should be submitted. In the case of a bereaved spouse, a death certificate for the deceased spouse should be submitted.

6. Certificate of Home Ownership

Applicant(s) should provide information on their property, whether owned or rented.

7. Medical Evaluation

A physical and medical evaluation report should be carried out by a qualified physician on the applicant(s) is required. The health status of the applicant(s) should be given strictly according to the facts. Where an applicant(s) has

suffered from a serious illness or had surgery, a special medical report must be provided, including the period of time the applicant(s) was ill, the nature of the illness and surgery, the course of treatment and its result, the prognosis, whether the patient has recovered and whether the patient needs further medical treatment because of his/her condition and an opinion as to whether or not the applicant(s) is suitable to adopt a child on medical grounds.

Information as to whether or not the applicant(s) suffer or have suffered from mental and/or psychological illness should also be covered by a separate medical report.

8. Psychological Evaluation

A psychological report on the applicant(s) should be completed and the report should be prepared by a clinical psychologist. The psychological evaluation should indicate the psychological stability of the applicant(s).

The content of the report should include details of family relationships, early childhood experiences, and coping mechanisms in relation to crises.

9. Certificates of Profession, Income and Property

The applicant(s) should provide information on their profession and income and submit a certificate of profession issued by their employer or employment agency, which should include their profession, position in the organisation, term of employment and annual salary. Latest tax returns or any other relevant documents showing the financial standing of the applicant(s) should also be submitted in support of the adoption application. If the applicant(s) is an employer, the certificate of profession and income should be submitted by a certified public accountant. If the applicant(s) is an accountant, the certificate of profession and annual income should be submitted by an independent certified public accountant. Unemployed applicant(s) should submit a statement of unemployment from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs, which includes information as to how they are supporting themselves, how much income they have at their disposal and whether they have any plans for employment.

10. Police Certificate of Character

The applicant(s) should submit a Police Certificate of Character to indicate whether or not he/she has any criminal record. This certificate can be obtained through your local Garda Station and must be certified by Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin. Applicant(s) will also require Police Clearances for any countries in which they have lived for any significant length of time.

11. Character References

Character references from the local Church/Minister, the applicant(s) employer or a non-relative member of the immediate community who has known the applicant(s) for at least five (5) years should be submitted with the adoption application.

12. Guardianship Information

1. An addendum report prepared by your Social Worker setting out:
 - (i) Your arrangements/plans for guardianship of an adopted child in the event of the death or incapacity of either of you and nominating guardians;

- (ii) Information on your religious practices and involvement in Church activities, e.g. do you regularly go to Church, what is your involvement in Church activities, members of the choir, laymen, counsellors etc. This is considered important by the Filipino Authorities as they state that most of their Social Workers look into the involvement of the couple/applicant in their community and especially in the Church.
- 2. A Sworn affidavit by both of you stating that you have appointed the nominated persons as guardians for your adopted child (one affidavit will suffice).
- 3. A written acceptance from the nominated guardians, including their name and address, to the effect that they are happy to undertake this responsibility.

13. Immigration Clearance

A copy of the immigration clearance issued by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform should be included with your adoption application. The immigration clearance allows for the admission of a child/ren into Ireland following placement/adoption from their country of origin. The original should be retained by the applicant(s) as it will be required by the Immigration Authorities when the applicant(s) return to Ireland with their adopted child.

14. Photographs

The applicant(s) should prepare an album of photographs to include themselves, their immediate family and their residence. Four to five photographs of each theme should be included in the album.

10. REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO THE DATE OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS

It is important to note that Medical Reports and Police Certificates of Character should be not **less than 12 months old on the date they are submitted to ICAB by the Adoption Board.**

11. FEES FOR ADOPTION

An application fee of \$200 is payable to the ICAB upon the submission of the adoption application pack to ICAB. A processing fee of \$900 is payable to the ICAB upon acceptance of the child referred. Fees for special needs children are \$200 and \$400 respectively.

Upon acceptance of the matching proposal, the applicant(s) have to pay for the expenses incidental to the pre-adoption placement of the child. These include the cost of travel, medical and psychological evaluation, passport, visa and other related expenses. Pre-adoptive placement costs will be notified by the ICAB.

NOTE: The Adoption Board received the following from the Philippino Inter-Country Adoption Board in Oct'07.

"Please be informed that the Board took cognizance of the request of foreign adoption agencies for the reduction of fees for sibling groups considering that the graduating fees for every sibling adopted tended to discourage rather than encourage adoption of sibling groups. After review by the Board, the earlier resolution was amended.

Effective October 2007, the charging of processing fee for sibling groups will no longer be per child but per placement. The processing fee for a sibling group of two or more will be pegged to US \$3,000.00.

We also wish to clarify that the Child Care Support Fund (CCSF) for the Child Caring Agencies which was increased to US \$1,000.00 from the previous US \$500.00 is charged per placement and not per child."

12. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Applicant(s) must travel to the Republic of the Philippines to complete the adoption formalities not later than thirty (30) days after the notice of issuance of the visa for the child to travel to the prospective adopter's country. Any unjustified failure by the applicant(s) to travel to collect the child within this period will result in the automatic cancellation of the referral. Applicant(s) will be expected to make their own travel arrangements but their Social Worker in ICAB will assist with information to enable them to make the necessary travel arrangements.

13. SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

The terms special needs children is used to refer to children who a) need major surgery e.g. meningocele, hydrocephalus, blue baby/heart condition; b) with major development delays/handicap such as blind, deaf-mute; c) older children, six (6) years of age and above; and d) sibling groups of three or more.

14. TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF THE CHILD

The applicant(s) will receive the child into their care when they travel to the Philippines. The ICAB will retain guardianship of the child until an Irish adoption order is made in favour of applicant(s) and the applicant(s) will have custody of the child in the interim. The ICAB Social Worker will liaise closely with the applicant(s) to ensure that all the legal formalities in respect of the child are complied with in the Philippines. **You should contact the Irish Adoption Board on your return to Ireland with the child in order to lodge an application to adopt the child under Irish domestic adoption legislation.**

15. PREPARATION OF ADOPTION APPLICATION

It is important that you adhere strictly to these guidelines in compiling your adoption application pack to adopt a child the Republic of the Philippines. You are required to inform the Board in a timely fashion of any significant change in your circumstances following the transmission of your application to the Philippines as this information will be required by the Filipino Authorities. The Board is available to answer any additional queries you may have in relation to the process and can be contacted by telephone at **01-2309300**. As it may be some time before you compile your application, you should contact the Board when you are ready to embark on the process, in order to ensure that you are aware of up-to-date procedures.

16. SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ADOPTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

a) Can sole applicants adopt in the Philippines?

Yes

b) Is a sole applicant who is co-habiting allowed adopt in the Philippines?

Yes, it is technically possible for a sole applicant who is co-habiting to adopt but it is unlikely that a referral would be made in such circumstances.

c) Can a sole applicant who is in lesbian or homosexual relationship adopt in the Philippines?

No.

d) Are there age limits for adopting in the Philippines?

Adopters must be over twenty seven (27) years of age and at least sixteen (16) years older than the child. There must be no more than a maximum age gap of forty-five (45) years between the adoptive parents and the adoptive child.

e) Age of children eligible for adoption in the Philippines?

Children from six (6) months up to fifteen (15) years of age are eligible for adoption.

f) What children are available for adoption in the Philippines?

It is possible to adopt both boys and girls in the Philippines. However there are more boys than girls available for adoption and those wishing to adopt a girl may have to wait longer for a referral.

g) Are both prospective adopters required to travel to the Philippines to collect the child?

Yes.

g) How long will prospective adopters be expected to spend in the Philippines when they travel to collect the child?

Prospective adopters will be expected to spend at least seven (7) days inclusive of weekends in the Philippines when they collect the child. They will be given a travel itinerary by the ICAB in advance of travelling.

h) How long will it take to receive a referral from the Philippines?

It is not possible to state how long it will take to receive a referral but it could take from three (3) months to twelve (12) months. The ICAB will inform an applicant(s) of the reason they have not received a referral if they are longer than twelve (12) months on the Roster of Approved Applicants.

i) What are the reasons why an adoption application would be turned down?

An applicant(s) might be turned down if they had a serious medical problem, if they had mental health problems, if they were in receipt of an invalidity pension, if they were receiving therapy or psychiatric treatment, if they had a serious

criminal conviction or if they refused to sign the undertaking in the application form.

17. CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH ADOPTION APPLICATION

Prospective adopters are required to forward the following documents, duly authenticated, in support of their application to adopt in the Republic of the Philippines:

CHECK LIST FOR APPLICATIONS BEING FORWARDED TO PHILIPPINES

(All documents must be dated)

Ref No. F

1. Sworn Application Form:-	
2. Original Assessment Report:-	

3. Declaration made by the Adoption Board:-	
4. Long birth certificate in respect of each applicant:-	
5. Marriage Certificate/ Decree of divorcee, if appropriate:-	
6. Evidence of Home Ownership:-	
7. Medical Report in respect of each applicant:- (must be no more than 12 months old on the date of registration in the Philippines commencing from the date of medical examination)	
8. Psychological Evaluation carried out by a clinical psychologist:-	
9. Form stating Type of Child Acceptable to Family:-	
10(a). Evidence of Income:-	
10(b). Financial Statement/s as appropriate:	
11. Police Certificates of Character:- (must be no more than 12 months old on the date of registration in the Philippines)	
12. Character References:-	
13. Guardianship Information:-	
14. Photocopy of immigration clearance from Dept. of Justice:	
15. Home and family photographs:-	
16. Declaration of identity, if appropriate:-	
17. Each pack bound and notarised:-	
18. Certified by Registrar of Supreme Court	
19. Authenticated by Department of Foreign Affairs	
20. Authenticated by the Philippine Consul	
21. Bank Draft for US\$200 payable to the Intercountry Adoption Board of the Philippines	

Inter-Country Adoption Board
TYPE OF CHILD ACCEPTABLE TO FAMILY

FAMILY NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

	Wiling to Accept	Willing to Discuss	Un-Willing to Accept
CHILD'S SEX, AGE, RACE, SIBLING AND FAMILY STATUS			
SEX:			

Male			
Female			
Either Sex			
AGE:			
Please indicate range			
0-2 years old			
2-4 years old			
4-6 years old			
6-8 years old			
8 and above			
Others (please indicate)			
RACE:			
Filipino			
Ethnic Minority			
SIBLING STATUS:			
Single Child			
Sibling Group of Two			
Sibling Group of More than Two			
FAMILY STATUS:			
No Known Information			
Parental History of Drug Use			
Parental History of Alcohol Use			
Parental History of Emotional Illness			
Parental History of Criminal Record			
Parental History of Mental Illness			
(e.g. Schizophrenia)			
Parental Background of Mental Retardation			
Child of Incest			
Child of Rape Situation			
CHILD'S PHYSICAL HEALTH:			
BIRTH CONDITIONS:			
Premature			
Low Birth Weight			
Jaundice Imperforate Anus			
Umbilical Hernia			
Imperforate Anus			
Lactoral Intolerance			
SKIN CONDITION:			
Mongolian Spot (most disappear with time)			
Hemangloma (raised, red birthmark, most disappear with time)			
Nevus (mole)			
Burn Scars			
	Willing to Accept	Willing to Discuss	Un-Willing to Accept
EYE CONDITION:			
Sight in One Eye			
Partially Blind (surgery may help)			
Totally Legally Blind			
Strabismus (roving eye, surgically correctable)			
Crossed Eyes (surgically correctable)			
Eye Squint			

MOUTH/ORAL CONDITION:			
Cleft Palate Only			
Cleft Lip Only			
Cleft Lip and Palate			
Anleloglasia			
EAR CONDITION:			
Ear Infection (e.g. otitis media)			
Partial Hearing			
Total Deafness			
Deaf, but Speaks			
Slightly Deformed Ear			
No Physical Ears (may or may not be deaf)			
DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS:			
Lags in physical and social development			
Cerebral Palsy			
Down Syndrome			
Foetal Alcohol Syndrome			
Gross Motor Delay			
Hydrocephalus (fluid on brain)			
Hyperactivity			
Mental Retardation (mild)			
Mental Retardation (moderate)			
Mental Retardation (severe)			
Seizure Disorders			
Slight Developmental Delay (general)			
Global Developmental Delay			
Speech Delay			
Speech Related Problems (stuttering, lisp etc)			
Spinia Bifida			
HEART PROBLEMS:			
Heart Murmur			
Heart Defect			
(may require open heart surgery)			
HERNIAS:			
Undescended Testicle			
Hernia			
INFECTIOUS DISEASES:			
Parasites, Head Lice etc.			
Positive TB Screen			
Positive VDRL (but treated after birth)			
Positive Hepatitis B Screen/Carrier State			
Positive HIV/AIDS			
	Willing to Accept	Willing to Discuss	Un-Willing to Accept
ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS:			
Congenital Hip Anomaly			
Hand Anomalies			
Syndactyly (joined fingers, missing or extra fingers)			
Leg Anomalies (bowed legs, missing, fibula)			
Foot Anomalies (clubbed foot)			
Joined Toes, Missing or Extra Toes			

Hand Amputation			
Arm Amputation			
Foot Amputation			
Leg Amputation			
Walking Difficulties (requires assistance, i.e. cane with limp)			
Wheelchair Bound			
Leg Brace Required			
Facial Feature Anomalies			
OTHERS:			
MINOR CORRECTABLE ISSUES:			
Asthma			
Allergies			
Bronchitis			
Pneumonia			
Ear Infection (Otitis Media)			
Digestive Problems			
Malnourishment			
Tooth Decay			
CHILD'S EMOTIONAL HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT			
Autism (mild)			
Autism (moderate)			
Autism (severe)			
Hyperactivity			
Known History of Physical Abuse			
Known History of Sexual Abuse			

ICAB Form No. 1

**Republic of the Philippines
Inter-Country Adoption Board
No.2 Chicago corner Ermin Garcia Streets
Barangay Pinagkaisahan, Cubao, Quezon City**

APPLICATION FOR INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

Greetings!

**We/I _____, _____ years of age,
(citizenship) and _____, _____ years of age, (citizenship)
residing and with postal address at _____ hereby apply
for the adoption of a Filipino child/children and state the following:**

**PART I
UNDERTAKING**

- // That we/I qualified to be adoptive parents under our national laws;**
- // That we/I have the capacity to act and to assume all rights and responsibilities of parents under our national laws;**
- // That we/I have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;**
- // That we/I am capable of providing support and proper physical, social and psychological care to all of our children including the child/children we intend to adopt.**
- // That in the event of disruption of the pre-adoptive placement, we/I shall undertake the responsibility of assuming the airfare of the child and travelling companion and miscellaneous expenses that may be incurred in connection with the child's return to the Philippines;**
- // That we/I shall file the petition for the adoption with the proper court or tribunal in our country not later than six (6) months after the termination of the pre-adoptive placement;**
- // We/I agree to uphold the basic rights of the child under our/my national laws, and the Child and Youth Welfare Code of the Philippines (PD 603) as well as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;**
- // That we/I agree to abide by the Implementing Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Inter-Country Adoption Board;**
- // That we/I did not in any manner try to induce, coerce or influence the biological parents/guardian/child caring/placing agency in favour of this application.**

PART II

Information and Personal data of Applicants

For Inter-country Adoption

Male Applicant/

Female Applicant/

I. Identifying Data:

Husband

Wife

Name _____

Age _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Nationality/Citizenship _____

Address/Residence _____

Telephone No. _____

Religion _____

Highest Educational Attainment _____

Health Status, specify presence of disability, if any _____

Marital Status _____

If married, date, and place _____

Date of previous marriage(s), if any, and manner of termination _____

Military service (if any) _____

Year _____

Branch _____

No. of years _____

Hobbies/Interests _____

Membership in Associations/Clubs/Organisations _____

II. Economic Data:

Present Occupation of Employment _____

Name of Employer _____

Business address _____

Telephone No. _____

Salary per Month _____

Income other than salary, specify _____

Insurance _____

Savings _____

Real Properties _____

III Family Composition:

A. List of all individuals living with applicants in present address

Name	Relationship	Age	Sex	Educational Attainment	Physical, Mental status, specify disability, if any
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B. List of children of applicants living away from them, if any

Name	Where living/with whom living	Age	Birthdate	Sex	Educational Attainment	Physical, Mental status, specify disability, if any
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

IV. I/We have applied to adopt a child with (agencies and/or other countries) and the status of our application(s) are

V. I/We decided to apply for a Filipino child because _____

VI. I/We feel our family can care for a child(ren) (include age, sex, physical, mental and emotional characteristics etc.) who is/are

VII. I/We are childless because _____

VIII. My/Our experience in caring for children _____

IX. My/Our experience of being cared for by our/my parents are _____

X. If for some reasons at certain times, we cannot attend personally to the needs of the child, we have the following alternative provisions:

XI. Our reactions to contact after adoption of the child/ren by the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Inter-Country Adoption Board, or any agency involved in this adoption are:

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF DEPONENT

I swear (affirm) that I have read and understood the undertaking and attest that the contents and statements in this application are true and correct.

Signature of Deponent(s)

Subscribed and Sworn to (affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, _____

at _____

Name/Title of Officer Administering Oath

My Commission Expires: _____

NOTE: Pursuant to Section 29 of the Rules and Regulations of Inter-Country Adoption, the following fees shall be paid to ICAB:

- 1. Filing Fee – TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$200) upon application;**
- 2. Processing Fee – NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$900) upon acceptance of the matching proposal for processing and operational expenses of the inter-country adoption programmes and other charges and assessment for child care and placement programmes and services for special needs children, processing fee is FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (US\$400).**