



# Adoption Council of Ontario

## International Adoption

International adoptions are completed through the Private Adoption process and approved by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, Private and International Adoption Unit.

The Private and International Adoption Unit grant licenses to Private Adoption Licensees and Private Adoption agencies to facilitate adoptions in specific countries. This process ensures that the licensee or agency is well versed in all processes related to adoption in the countries that they are licensed to work with. Some agencies may have license for several countries. Licenses for some countries may be granted to several licensees or agencies. The Private and International adoption desk provides a list of agencies and licensees and what countries they are licensed to work with are located on the website.

When considering an International adoption, it is important to learn as much as possible about the process and costs involved.

Families who are considering an International adoption must have a homestudy completed using the same format as public and private adoptions. They will also attend the same education program. Depending on the country they are applying to, they may need to have other documents or assessment reports included in their dossier. A country may have specific requirements of or put limits on who may apply to adopt. For example, some countries may require a psychological report or may not accept applications from single applicants or applicants who are beyond a certain age.

A list of countries and their agencies are listed in the intercountry chart available in our package.

A list of Adoption Agencies and Licensees (under CFSA) authorized to handle adoptions is available at this website:

[://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/resources/child/STEL02\\_179881.html](://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/resources/child/STEL02_179881.html)

To view the list of Approved Private Adoption Practitioners visit this link to the Government of Ontario website:

[://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/resources/child/STEL02\\_179892.html](://www.gov.on.ca/children/english/resources/child/STEL02_179892.html)



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