

Domestic Adoption Document Requirements

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Domestic adoption is one way of helping vulnerable children. Domestic adoption document requirements are set out under Foster Family and Domestic Adoption Services Directive No 48/2020. The document requirements are the following:

Registration

Interested prospective adoptive families need to register at the institution. The 'institution' is a government or charity organization which has the authority and license from the Federal government to perform domestic adoption and foster care service. The institution will normally include government or licensed private orphanages. The prospective adoptive family should clearly indicate on the registration form the age, gender, health status and other circumstances of the child they want to adopt.

Evidences Compiled for the Child

The evidence compiled for the child include birth certificate, medical certificate, short profile of the child containing the picture of the child as well as the pictures of the guardian or custodian of the child.

Documents Compiled for the Adoptive Parents

The adoptive family shall come up with documents including medical certificate, birth certificates, marriage certificate, income statements, police clearance letter, home study, passport size photographs and id cards or passport copies. Manner of organizing these documents has certain requirements indicated in the Directive.

Adoption Agreement

Adoption agreement signed by the guardian of the child and the adoptive parents or their legal agents. The adoption agreement should show the date of execution of the adoption agreement, the parties to the agreement, the full name, age, sex of the child, clear provisions that contain consent for giving and receiving the adoption, signed by the parties, witnessed by at least two witnesses and stamped with the passport size picture of the child.