

**Central Adoption Resource Authority**  
Ministry of Women & Child Development,  
Government of India,  
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**CIRCULAR**

**Sub : Appointment of Members of the Steering Committee of Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) under Section 69 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (amended in 2021) - regarding.**

In continuation of earlier Circular dated 10/08/2023 on the subject cited above, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is a statutory body of Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (amended in 2021).

2. As per Section 69 (1) of the JJ Act, 2015 (amended in 2021), the composition of the Steering Committee of CARA is as under :-

**Ex-officio Members :**

- (a) Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, dealing with Authority;
- (c) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, dealing with Finance;
- (d) Member-Secretary, who shall also be Chief Executive Officer of the organisation.

**Non Ex-officio Members :**

- (a) One Representative from State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA);
- (b) Two Representatives from Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs);
- (c) One Adoptive Parent;
- (d) One Adoptee;
- (e) One Advocate or a Professor having at least ten years of experience in family law.

3. Terms and conditions of appointment of Members of the Steering Committee of the Authority are as under :-

- (a) be an Indian national;
- (b) not be below the age of twenty-five years and above the age of sixty years, and for the member who is an adoptee as per clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 69 of the Act, the minimum age would be twenty-one years;

- (c) not have been convicted or sentenced to imprisonment for an offence under any law for the time being in force; and
- (d) not have been removed or dismissed from service of the Central or State Government or a body or corporation owned or controlled by Central or State Government.

4. In light of the above, **any grown-up adoptee and adoptive parent** who are interested in becoming a Member of the Steering Committee of Central Adoption Resource Authority, and is fulfilling the above mentioned criteria may send their details along with CV within 15 days from issue of this circular at the under-mentioned address :-

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