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PROCEDURE FOR INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION UNDER THE HINDU ADOPTIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACT (HAMA) 1956



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Procedure For Children Adopted Under The Hindu Adoption And Maintenance Act, 1956, By NRI/OCI Couples/Single PAP's Who Desire To Relocate The Child Abroad

The Ministry of Women and Child Development issued a Notification on Adoption Regulations 2022 on September 23, 2022, as framed by the Central Adoption Resource Authority. Chapter VIII of the Adoption Regulations, 2022, has laid down procedures for children adopted under HAMA 1956 by parents who desire to relocate the child abroad. In the post-September 17, 2023, cases of HAMA, AFAA, / Central Authority / Indian mission may register on the CARA website called CARINGS <https://carings.wcd.gov.in/>. In such cases all the Prospective Adoptive Parents who wish to adopt their children under HAMA have to approach the AFAA or Central Authority or Indian mission for registration on the CARINGS portal and follow the procedure as mentioned in the Adoption Regulations 2022.

Adoptions completed before 17th September 2021

The procedure provides that, the requisite documents supporting the facts of the adoption deed shall be duly verified and recommended by the District Magistrate in the form as provided in Schedule XXXIII. Upon receipt of the certificate, the Central Adoption Resource Authority shall issue **No Objection Certificate** for Hague ratified countries and in cases of countries outside the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Inter-country Adoption, a letter accepting the said adoption from the Government department concerned of the receiving country shall be sought by the Central Adoption Resource Authority in order to issue the final support letter from the Central Adoption Resource Authority.

In pre 17th September 2021 cases, for simplification, CARA has been issuing adoption support letter on the basis of adoption deed and verification certificate issued from the District Magistrate concerned. In this regard, CARA has mandated the following documents:

- a. Registered Adoption deed as per Hindu Adoption & Maintenance Act, 1956.
- b. Passport copies of PAPs
- c. OCI copies of PAPs
- d. Address proof(India)
- e. Address proof(Foreign country)
- f. Marriage/Divorce certificate(which ever is applicable)
- g. Birth certificate of child containing adoptive parent's name
- h. Death certificate*if applicable
- i. Aadhar card of PAPs*if applicable
- j. Photographs of PAPs with the child and passport size photograph of the PAPs
- k. Email address of PAPs and Mobile Number
- l. Aadhar card of the child* if any

- m. Passport of the adoptive child if any
- n. Aadhar card of the biological parents.
- o. Death certificate of biological parents*if applicable

Procedure after 17th September 2021

In the Post 17th September 2023 cases of HAMA, AFAA/ Central Authority/ Indian mission may register on the CARA website called CARINGS <https://carings.wcd.gov.in/>. All the Prospective Adoptive Parents who wish to adopt th children under HAMA have to approach the AFAA/ Central Authority / Indian mission concerned for registration on the CARINGS portal and follow the procedure as mentioned in the Adoption Regulations 2022.

The following documents may be submitted by the PAPs to the AFAA/Central Authority /Indian Mission for sponsoring the PAP to CARA for adoption of the child after conducting their home study report.

- a. Photograph of Applicant(s)/ Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)
- b. Passport (Male PAP)
- d. Passport (Female PAP)
- e. Birth Certificate (Male PAP)
- f. Birth Certificate (Female PAP)
- g. Proof of Residence of PAPs
- h. Marriage Certificate (in case of couple)
- i. Undertaking of Indian mission in case of non-Hague country
- j. Overseas Citizen of India card of Male PAP(if applicable)
- k. Overseas Citizen of India card of Female PAP(if applicable)

The following documents have to be prepared by the AFAA/ Central Authority for getting NOC from CARA in all HAMA cases:

- Permission of the receiving country as per Article 5 of the Hague Adoption Convention (application in case of Hague Convention ratified country)
- Permission of the receiving country as per Article 17 of the Hague Adoption Convention (application in case of Hague Convention ratified country)