

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Intercountry adoption: child immigration, parent suitability and citizenship

Does an adoption order complete the child's U.S. immigration and citizenship process?

An adoption is a legal family event, while USCIS separately addresses prospective-parent suitability, the child's immigration and citizenship questions. The applicable adoption process and country context matter. A court order alone should not be presented as the complete immigration result.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Preserve the complete decision and issuing jurisdiction.
- ☐ Identify birth and prior identity records relevant to the review.
- ☐ Keep the parents' relevant residence and identity history.
- ☐ Identify the specific admission or benefit process under discussion.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: Adoption: court, parent and child immigration processes

<https://www.uscis.gov/adoption>

U.S. Department of State: Citizenship under the Child Citizenship Act

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/travel-legal-considerations/us-citizenship/child-citizenship-act-of-2000.html>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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