

DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE TO FRC (NON-HAGUE ADOPTION)

Note: Submit all adoption documents. All listed may not be applicable to your case.

Please scan documents in pdf format. Ensure each document is clear and no part of the document is cut off.

All documents must be legible to be submitted to immigration.

It is your responsibility to provide accurate and complete information to both your home study preparer and our agency. This includes details about marriages, divorces, annulments, children, previous places of residence (both states and countries), arrests (even those expunged), and any other relevant information. Once your Home Study is completed, it will be submitted along with your I-600/I-600A application to immigration. Immigration will review both your I-600/I-600A application and your Home Study, as well as your N-400 (Naturalization Application). All information must be consistent, as any discrepancies could lead to denial.

Evidence for Prospective Adoptive Parent(s)	
	Proof of US Citizenship (If US citizen by birth, submit copy of birth certificate or US Passport; If born outside
	of US, submit Certificate of Naturalization, US Permanent Resident Card)
	Copy of Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
	Copy of all Divorce Decrees and Death Certificates of prior spouses (if applicable)
Adoption Documents	
	Application when you applied to adopt from the Ministry (stamped and dated)
	Police report: Filed at the time child was abandoned or relinquished
	Original Birth Certificate or Record of Birth of child born in orphanage/medical facility
	Nigerian State birth registration
	Biological parents' consent for adoption and information regarding Biological Father
	All orphanage records
	All communications letters written between orphanage, Ministry, and court
	Consent for adoption by Ministry
	Foster care documents (Foster Order, Lifting Order, etc.)
	Background Study on child (report conducted in country by the Ministry)
	Adoption Order – court order of finalization
	(For Ethiopia, FFIC court decision)
	(For Sierra Leone, the waiver of 6 month care and possession must be listed)
	Consent for emigration (allowing child to leave country) May be included in Adoption Order
	Post-adoption birth certificate issued after adoption finalized listing you as parents
	Confirmation of adoption (all procedures were followed)
	Child Health Records (copies of all initial and subsequent records)
Travel	
	Documentation of all travel dates to child's country from time of application to Ministry to present, with
	copies of passport entry/exit stamps and/or travel documents
	Nigeria: Must include proof of presence in court at time of adoption finalization (or presence in foster court
	with waiver to attend adoption finalization)
APPLICABLE TO RELATIVE OR KNOWN PARENT ADOPTIONS ONLY	
	Original birth certificate listing biological parent(s)
	Death certificate of biological parent(s) (copies of funeral bulletin, obituary, and/or church burial records if
	available) and/or Consent of biological parent
	Proof of incapability of care if there is one surviving parent
	Earliest child records (medical/school records that include name, birthdate, and name of biological parents)
Fees	
	Receipts for adoption related fees paid in-country (attorney, orphanage, Ministry, court, etc.)
OTHER	
	Child Passport (If you do not have your child's passport, please start the process of obtaining it.)