



NIGERIA DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE TO FRC (NON-HAGUE ADOPTION)

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 duty to ensure all information provided is accurate and complete including marital history, children, prior residences (US and abroad), arrests (including expunged), and other relevant details. Once finalized, your Home Study will be submitted with your I-600/I-600A. Immigration will review it alongside your N-400 (Naturalization), and any inconsistencies may lead to delays or 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 – Note: Submit all adoption documents. All listed may not be applicable to your case.	
☐	Application when you applied to adopt from the Ministry (stamped and dated)
☐	Proof of residency in Nigerian state where adoption occurred (minimum 5 years)
☐	Original Birth Certificate for the child issued by National Population Commission within 60 days of birth
☐	Biological parent(s) consent for irrevocable adoption and information regarding Biological Father
☐	Police reports (at time child abandoned or relinquished, detailed efforts made to locate biological parents, and investigation results)
☐	All orphanage records (from Intake date to foster/lifting date)
☐	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 (social investigation report conducted in country by the Ministry)
☐	Adoption Order – court order of finalization
☐	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 by law)
☐	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
☐	Proof of presence for the required 3-month foster/interim order (or ministry/court documentation indicating this requirement waived)
☐	Proof of presence in court at time of adoption finalization (or presence in foster court with waiver to attend adoption finalization)
Additional Documents Applicable to Relative or Known Parent Adoptions	
☐	Original birth certificate listing biological parent(s)
☐	Earliest child records (medical/school records that include name, birthdate, and name of biological parents)
☐	Death certificate of biological parent(s) (along with any available secondary evidence funeral bulletin, obituary, newspaper article, church records, or affidavits from those with firsthand knowledge)
☐	If there is one surviving parent, consent of biological parent and <u>proof of incapability of care</u>
☐	Any and all supporting affidavits
Fees / Other	
☐	Receipts for adoption related fees paid in-country (attorney, orphanage, Ministry, court, etc.)
☐	Child Passport (If you do not have your child's passport, please start the process of obtaining it.)