



SIERRA LEONE 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/notification intent to adopt to Ministry (stamped and dated) and Ministry Approval
☐	Original Birth Certificate for the child issued by National Civil Registration and Vital Statistics
☐	Biological parents' consent for irrevocable adoption and information regarding biological father
☐	Police reports (Supervision Order-Care or Protection at time child abandoned or relinquished, detailed efforts made to locate biological parents, and investigation results)
☐	All orphanage records (from intake report date to foster/lifting date)
☐	All communications letters written between orphanage, Ministry, and court
☐	Foster care documents (Ministry letter of attestation approval for foster care)
☐	Background Study on child (social welfare investigation report conducted in country by the Ministry)
☐	Court Affidavit in Support (if applicable)
☐	Originating Court Summons
☐	Adoption Order – court order of finalization
☐	Consent for emigration (allowing child to leave country) may be included in Adoption Order
☐	Certificate of Adoption Registration (issued after adoption finalized date)
☐	Post-adoption birth certificate issued after adoption finalized listing you as parents
☐	Confirmation of adoption (all adoption 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 in court adoption finalization - travel docs/passport face page + stamps (proof 6-month period is waived may be included in Adoption Order)
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 proof of incapability of care
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.)