

## **REQUIREMENT AND PROCESS OF ADOPTION IN GHANA**

### **A) INCOUNTRY ADOPTION**

#### **Procedure**

1. Obtain information about the eligibility and suitability of an applicant for adoption and the process etc.
2. Obtain and complete application forms with police criminal clearance and medical screening report.
3. Submit to Home Study leading to the preparation of Home Study report on the background and circumstances of the applicant.
4. Undergo thirty hours training in adoption related topics

#### **Requirement**

- ⇒ Evidence of Marriage, if applicable
- ⇒ Birth Certificate
- ⇒ Medical / Health Certificate
- ⇒ Police Clearance Report
- ⇒ Evidence of employment / income
- ⇒ Two reference letters
- ⇒ Copy of National Identification
- ⇒ Spousal Consent if applicable with consent of spouse
- ⇒ Statement of Commitment from two guardian ad litem
- ⇒ In case of relative adoption, proof of relationship with the child
- ⇒ Photographs and audio recordings of the family and home of the applicant

## **B) INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION**

### **Procedure**

1. Obtain information about eligibility and suitability of an applicant to undertake adoption and the adoption process.
2. Undergo training in adoption related topics etc
3. Submit to Home Study leading to the preparation of the Home study report on the background and circumstances of the applicant.
4. Be approved as eligible and suitable to adopt a child from the receiving State.
5. The Central Authority or accredited adoption agency of the receiving State submit approval of home study report to the Central Adoption Authority in Ghana to be approved to undertake adoption in Ghana.
6. Obtain and complete application forms

### **Requirement**

- ⇒ Home Study Report
- ⇒ Letter of Approval from Central Authority of Receiving State
- ⇒ Evidence of Marriage if applicable
- ⇒ Birth Certificate(s)
- ⇒ Medical / Health Certificate (Form 9)
- ⇒ Police Clearance Report
- ⇒ Evidence of employment / income
- ⇒ Copy of National Identification
- ⇒ Spousal Consent (Form 12), if applicable
- ⇒ Two References Letters
- ⇒ Evidence of Training as prospective adoptive parent
- ⇒ Audio-Visual Recording or Pictures of Applicant, Applicants Home and Family
- ⇒ Completed Statement Form from two Guardian ad Litem
- ⇒ In case of relative adoption, proof of fifth level of relationship with child.

## **C) CONTACT INFORMATION**

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