

**Regulation 56:** Guidelines for Inter-Country Relative Adoption

(1) A non-resident Indian or an Overseas Citizen of India Card holder, interested to adopt a relative's child, may approach an Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency or the Central Authority in the country of residence for preparation of their Home Study Report and for online registration on the CARINGS Portal.

(2) In case there is no Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency or Central Authority in their country of residence, then the prospective adoptive parents interested to adopt a relative's child shall approach the Government department concerned or Indian diplomatic mission (in cases of Indian citizens and Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder) in that country.

(3) The Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency or Central Authority or the department concerned or the Indian diplomatic mission (in cases of Indian citizens), as the case may be, on completion of the Home Study Report, shall register the application of the prospective adoptive parents on the CARINGS Portal along with the required documents as mentioned in the Schedule VI.

(4) Procedure laid down in succeeding regulations 57, 58, 59 and 60 shall be followed in the cases related to inter-country relative adoptions.

**Regulation 57:** Procedure for inter-country relative adoption from Authority.—

(1) On receipt of Home Study Report along with relevant documents of prospective adoptive parents on the CARINGS Portal by Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency or Central Authority or Government department concerned or Indian Mission abroad, the Authority shall forward the same to State Adoption Resource Agency or District Child Protection Unit for obtaining family background report of the child proposed for adoption along with supportive documents, as provided in the Schedule XXI.

(2) The District Child Protection Unit shall get the family background report conducted by its social worker and for this purpose, it can charge a fee as stipulated in the norms prescribed by the Authority from time to time.

(3) District Child Protection Unit shall forward a copy of the family background report of the child and the biological family to the Authority through State Adoption Resource Agency concerned for onward submission to Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency or Central Authority or Indian Mission abroad.

(4) On receiving family background report of the relative's child, the Authority shall forward the same to the receiving country as required under Article 4 and 16 of the Hague Adoption Convention.

(5) The Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency or Central Authority or Government department concerned, on receiving requisite documents as stipulated in sub regulation (3), shall arrange to forward a certificate under Article 5 or Article 17 of the Hague Adoption Convention to the Authority.

(6) In case of countries which are not signatories to Hague Adoption Convention, in respect of Indian citizens, family background report of the relative's child and prior approval letter from the Authority shall be forwarded to the Government department concerned or Indian Mission of that country which shall issue a recommendation letter to the Authority.

(7) In case of Overseas Citizen of India Cardholder prospective adoptive parents residing in India, such parents can register directly on the CARINGS Portal and upload initial requisite documents.

**Regulation 58:** No Objection Certificate of Authority.—In case of all inter-country adoptions, the Authority shall issue No Objection Certificate in favour of the adoption of the child within ten days from the date of receipt of certificate issued under Article 5 or 17 of the Hague Adoption Convention from receiving country and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency or Central Authority concerned.