

Documents for Adopting Step-Parent by **Schedule VI**

In case of Adoption of child or children by step-parent, the biological and step parents have to register on the CARINGS and provide relevant documents by uploading the same online through the CARINGS Portal. At the time of registration, all requisite documents to be uploaded on the CARINGS as stated above in cases of in-country Adoption[(1)-(9)] i.e.

- (1) Current family photograph or Photograph of person adopting a child
- (2) Aadhar Card or Passport or Voter card or Driving License of the prospective adoptive parents or Birth Certificate or Overseas Citizen of India card of the prospective adoptive parents (if applicable) and PAN card(if applicable).
- (3) Birth certificate or Proof of date of birth of the parents (In the event of a married couple, upload the applicant's respective medical certificates.)
- (4) Proof of residence (Aadhar card or voter card or passport or current electricity bill or telephone bill)
- (5) Proof of income of last year (salary slip or income certificate issued by Govt. department or income tax return)
- (6) Certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that the prospective adoptive parents do not suffer from any chronic, contagious or fatal disease and they are fit to adopt (In the event of a married couple, upload the applicant's respective medical certificates.)
- (7) Marriage certificate or Divorce Decree or Declaration from the competent court or affidavit on oath pertaining to divorce in case of divorce governed by personal law where decree of divorce is not mandatory or Death certificate of spouse whichever is applicable
- (8) Undertaking from the relative in case single prospective adoptive parents (if applicable)
- (9) Consent of the older child or children in the adoptive family

Along with;

- (10) A recent photograph of the child or children to be adopted
- (11) Consent of the older child to be adopted
- (12) Proof of both parents (biological and step-parent) being legally wedded
- (13) Consent of the biological parents, spouse adopting the child or children as provided in the Schedule XX of the Adoption Regulations along with relevant documents mentioned thereof.