

Regulation 5: Eligibility criteria for In-country Relative Prospective Adoptive Parents

1. The prospective adoptive parents shall be physically, mentally, emotionally and financially capable, they shall not have any life threatening medical condition and they should not have been convicted in criminal act of any nature or accused in any case of child rights violation.
2. Any prospective adoptive parents, irrespective of their marital status and whether or not they have biological son or daughter, can adopt a child subject to following, namely:-
 - a) the consent of both the spouses for the adoption shall be required, in case of a married couple;
 - b) a single female can adopt a child of any gender;
 - c) a single male shall not be eligible to adopt a girl child;
3. No child shall be given in adoption to a couple unless they have at least two years of stable
4. The age criteria for prospective adoptive parents shall not be applicable in case of relative adoptions and adoption by step-parent.
5. Couples with two or more children shall only be considered for special needs children as specified in clause (25) of regulation 2, and hard to place children as stated in clause (13) of regulation 2 unless they are relatives or step-children.