

ADOPTION OF A FOREIGN CHILD (CHILD BORN IN OTHER COUNTRIES (NOT APPLICABLE TO CHILDREN FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA))

(1) All prospective adopters must attend a compulsory [Pre-Adoption Briefing](#) (with effect from 2 Jan 2012) before proceeding to register for a Home Study Report (HSR) (if adopting a foreign child).

(2) Prospective adopters will register for HSR at one of MSF' accredited agencies. (Duration: 5 weeks to prepare a non-complex HSR)
(Prospective adopter(s) should not have a foreign child under their care during this period.)
(Foreigners are required to obtain a [Letter of Assurance/support](#) of adoption from their respective Embassy/High Commission before registering for home study

(3) If the completed HSR is favourable, prospective adopters can identify a child for adoption.

(4) When a foreign child has been identified, prospective adopters will apply to MSF for a [Dependant's Pass](#) (DP) for the child.
(Duration: 2 weeks to process and issue in-principle approval upon receipt of completed application form and required documents.)

(5a) MSF approves application for DP

(5b) MSF rejects application for DP. (MSF will advise on welfare/care arrangement of child)

(6) MSF will issue in-principle approval for the DP and an entry visa (where applicable) to allow the prospective adopters to bring the child into Singapore.

(7) When the child arrives in Singapore, prospective adopters will schedule an appointment with MSF to collect the child's DP and visa (where applicable). Prospective adopters are required to:

- (a) bring the child along to MSF;
- (b) sign the Security Bond undertaking the maintenance of the child and pay the required Security Deposit; and
- (c) sign a statutory declaration to declare that the child was not obtained through illegal means.

(8) Prospective adopters will apply to Family Court for the adoption of the child through a lawyer or in person.

(9) The Family Court will appoint Director of Social Welfare, MSF as Guardian-in-Adoption (GIA) and direct MSF to conduct a social investigation.

(10) MSF will conduct the social investigation, prepare affidavit and send affidavit to the lawyer/prospective adopters.

(11) The Court hears the adoption case.

(12a) The Court grants the Adoption Order

(12b) The Court does not grant the Adoption Order. (MSF will advise the prospective adopters on the welfare/care arrangement of the child.)

(13) The Court will send the Adoption Order to the Registry of Births (ROB) and the ROB will schedule an appointment for the adopters to complete the formalities for the issuance of a birth certificate for the child.

Adopters may submit an application for Singapore Citizenship (SC)/Permanent Residence (PR) for the child at the same time.