



**NOTE TO FOREIGNERS INTENDING TO ADOPT FOREIGN CHILDREN IN SINGAPORE
(Without legalising adoption in the child's country of origin)**

The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) requires all foreigners intending to legalise the adoption of a foreign child from a third country in Singapore, to undertake a Home Study assessment from an MSF-accredited agency. A Letter of Support from their local authorities or their Embassy/High Commission must be produced before the commencement of the Home Study assessment. (Please see Annex A.) Should adopters intend to adopt a child with their spouse as a joint adoption application, both will need to obtain a Letter of Support from their Embassy/High Commission (if they are of different nationalities).

2 All foreign prospective adopters will be allowed to undertake a Home Study assessment only if they fulfil the following requirements:

- (i) They meet the requirements of adoption under the laws of their own country.
- (ii) The adoption in Singapore will be recognised by the adopters' country and that the adopted child will be granted permanent stay in their home country(s).
- (iii) They should only identify a child for adoption from a country that is approved by their local authorities or their embassy, after receiving a favourable home study report.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT (FOR FOREIGNERS INTENDING TO ADOPT FOREIGN CHILDREN IN SINGAPORE)

The Ministry of Social and Family Development requires this Letter of Support from foreigners who intend to adopt a non-Singaporean child in Singapore. This Letter of Support can be issued by the Embassy/ High Commission or any relevant authority of the prospective adopters' country.

2 The prospective adopters should submit this Letter of Support, duly completed and endorsed by the relevant authority of their country, to the relevant MSF-accredited agency before commencing Home Study assessment in Singapore. Should adopters intend to adopt a child with their spouse as a joint adoption application, both will need to obtain a Letter of Support from their Embassy/High Commission (if they are of different nationalities).

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Letter of Support for Adopting a Foreign Child in Singapore

1. Prospective adopter(s)' official names, nationality and identification/documents numbers

Name of Prospective Adopter(s)	Nationality	Identification Details
(i).		
(ii).		

2. Prospective adopter(s)' preferred source of child
(Note: This letter is only valid for the countries indicated below.)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

- 3 I certify that:

- (a) (i) The abovenamed prospective adopter(s) meet the requirements of adoption under the laws of (name of country) _____.

Yes

No

- (ii) If not, please quote the reference (if any) and indicate the key areas that render the abovenamed ineligible to adopt:

(E.g. Adoption of Foreign Child Act, Clause 1a states that "any person wishing to adopt must be married", and "any person wishing to adopt a child in a third country outside of xxx must receive the approval of the child's country of origin to legalise the adoption in a third country"

(b) The adoption in Singapore of a child from the abovenamed country/countries in (2) is legally recognised in (name of country) _____ .

Yes **No**

(c) A child from the abovenamed country/countries in (2), if adopted by the named prospective adopters in (1) in Singapore under Singapore's adoption laws, will be granted permanent stay in (name of country) _____ .

Yes **No**

The above is certified by:

(Signature of Certifying Officer)

(Name and Designation of Certifying Officer)

(Name of Authority/Agency)

(Contact of Certifying Officer)

(Stamp of Authority/Agency)

(Date)