

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 9: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Section 06: International Adoptions	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Office must approve all placements of foreign-born children who are going to be adopted by Indiana families.

POLICY STATEMENT

Under state law, a child whose adoption is finalized in the country of origin is considered adopted. These children are eligible to become United States (U.S.) citizens as soon as they arrive in the U.S.

For Adoptions Finalized in the United States

The agency arranging the adoption will:

1. Complete a home study of the adoptive parents;
2. Update the home study every year until adoption occurs;
3. Conduct all necessary background checks;
4. Complete a 100A form, if the agency is not in Indiana;
5. Submit five (5) copies of the 100A form, if applicable, and the home study to the DCS ICPC Office;
6. Make sure a new birth certificate is created after the adoption is completed; and
7. Provide proof of the child's date of birth.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-19-28: Adoption Decrees in Foreign Jurisdictions](#)
- [IC 31-28-4: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#)