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TABLEAUX SUR LES COÛTS ASSOCIÉS À L'ADOPTION INTERNATIONALE

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TABLES ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

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The *Tables on costs*¹ are designed to increase transparency by compiling the available information on the costs of intercountry adoption in States of origin and receiving States.

The Tables do not aim to provide prospective adoptive parents (“PAPs”) or other actors with a definitive, “total cost” for an intercountry adoption. Rather, they aim to be a reference point for PAPs and other actors to identify if the costs which they encounter in the State of origin (Table I) and the receiving State (Table II) are of the nature and within the range provided in the Tables. The Experts’ Group will continue its discussions regarding the best method of collecting the data as well as the timeline for providing the data. It will also decide on where and how the tables should be published.

The Tables also include information about the “contributions”² which may be demanded from PAPs by certain States of origin or adoption accredited bodies in the context of an intercountry adoption. Such contributions should not be considered as “costs” of an intercountry adoption since they are distinct from the real or actual costs of the adoption procedure (*i.e.*, they are distinct from the cost of providing all the services necessary in the receiving State and the State of origin to complete each particular adoption). Nevertheless, in order to reflect the current practice of some States,³ they have been included in the tables.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE TABLES

Tables I and II may be completed by States to provide information concerning the estimated costs and contributions associated with an intercountry adoption in the particular State of origin or receiving State.

States of origin may complete Table I. Receiving States may complete Table II. States that are both States of origin *and* receiving States may complete both Tables.

Column “Purpose”

The “other” category should be used to add any category of costs not previously listed in the column. Please be as specific as possible.

Column “Charged by”

For each category of costs, please select the type of authority, body or person that best corresponds.

¹ For a definition of the term “costs” in the context of intercountry adoption, see the Terminology section of the *Note on the Financial Aspects of Intercountry Adoption*, available on the Hague Conference website at < www.hcch.net > under “Intercountry Adoption Section” (hereinafter, “Note”).

² For a definition of the term “contribution” in the context of intercountry adoption, see Note, *supra* note 1. See also Chapter 6 of the Note regarding the problems and recommendations associated with “contributions” and Hague Conference on Private International Law’s, *Accreditation and Adoption Accredited Bodies: General Principles and Guide to Good Practice*, Guide No 2, Family Law (Jordan Publishing Ltd), 2012, Chapter 9, available on the Hague Conference website at < www.hcch.net > under “Intercountry Adoption Section” (hereinafter, “Guide to Good Practice No 2”).

³ See Guide to Good Practice No 2, *supra* note 2, para. 432.

Abbreviations used

(CAN)	Central Authority National
(CAR)	Central Authority Regional
(PA)	Public Authority
(CT)	Court or Tribunal
(AB)	Adoption Accredited Body
(AB SO)	Adoption Accredited Body of the State of origin
(AB RS)	Adoption Accredited Body of the receiving State
(AP SO)	Adoption Approved (Non-accredited) Person of the State of origin
(AP RS)	Adoption Approved (Non-accredited) Person of the receiving State
(OP)	Other professionals (<i>e.g.</i> , lawyer, doctor, translator, interpreter)
(N/A)	Not applicable – if service is not performed

Column "Name of the authority, body or person"

Please use the space in this column to specify the name of the authority, body, person or the type of professional whenever possible.

Column "Amount"

For each category of costs, please indicate the fixed amount, if applicable, or the range (minimum to maximum) that is charged. You may use "free" when the service is provided free of charge, "not applicable" when the service is not provided, or "unknown" when the information is not yet available.

You may find that some categories of costs are incurred in exceptional cases only (*e.g.*, *translation and/or interpretation costs*). In such a case, please indicate "0 to [estimate price when the prospective adoptive parent(s) select this service]". You may also use the space in each category or use a footnote to specify the conditions under which an amount may be requested.

TABLE I – STATE OF ORIGIN
COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO BE PAID IN AUSTRALIA
2019

Date completed: September 2019

This table is designed to provide prospective adoptive parents (“PAPs”) and other adoption actors with an overview of the costs and contributions (see p. 2 on the way to enter the “amount” in the tables) which may need to be paid in the above-mentioned State of origin when undertaking an intercountry adoption from that State. Unless indicated otherwise, the costs listed are for the adoption of ONE child.

Please note: In order to obtain a comprehensive overview of the costs and contributions which may need to be paid by the PAPs, one will need also to refer to Table II (costs and contributions to be paid in the receiving State) as completed by the receiving State in which the PAPs habitually reside.

Additional amounts, such as **travel costs** (which may include airfares and accommodation) may apply (see “travel requirements” section below) but only general information concerning this is requested in this table, not actual costs.

COSTS			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount⁴ [currency]
Administrative application fee ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Administrative processing fee ⁶	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Court fees	<input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Visa(s) for PAPs to enter the State of origin	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Specialised professionals	Legal services (e.g., legal advice and representation in the State of origin)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB SO <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS ⁷ <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
	Notary’s fees	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
	Medical services (e.g., health examination for the child)	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
	Psychologists / counselling	<input type="checkbox"/> AB SO <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS ⁸ <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	

⁴ For each category of costs, please indicate the currency, fixed amount, if applicable, or the range (minimum to maximum) that is charged for each category. See also p. 2 of this document for more details on the way to enter the “amount” in the tables.

⁵ States should use this category to indicate whether they charge a standard fee when PAPs submit an application to adopt.

⁶ States should use this category to indicate whether they charge subsequent fees at different stages of the adoption procedure (e.g., when the matching is done).

⁷ Only applicable if not included already in the costs for services by a receiving States accredited body mentioned in Table II.

⁸ *Ibid.*

Specialised professionals	Interpreter in the State of origin	<input type="checkbox"/> AB SO <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS ⁹ <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	Other: [please specify]			
Documentation	Birth certificate(s) of the child	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	Passport from the State of origin	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	Legalisation of documents in the State of origin	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	Translation of documents in the State of origin	<input type="checkbox"/> AB SO <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS ¹⁰ <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	Other: [please specify]			
Other costs charged by an AB of the State of origin (not included in other categories) [please specify]		<input type="checkbox"/> AB SO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Emigration / Exit fees for the child (e.g., fee to exit the State) ¹¹		<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Other: [please specify]				

CONTRIBUTIONS

Purpose	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [currency]
Contributions demanded by the State of origin [Please specify for what purpose this money is collected]	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Contributions demanded by an accredited body of the State of origin [Please specify for what purpose this money is collected (e.g. for the care of the child)]	<input type="checkbox"/> AB SO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

[Please specify if prospective adoptive parent(s) is / are required to personally travel to the State of origin and the number of compulsory trips ¹² as well as the minimum number of days which he / she / they are required to stay in the State of origin].	
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⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ This category of costs does not refer to costs associated with the immigration of the child *into* the receiving State; instead, it refers to any fees charged by the authorities of the State of origin in order for the child to *exit* the territory.

¹² States should be aware of the psychological trauma to the child which could occur when several trips are made to meet the child before he or she is finally entrusted to the adoptive parents.

TABLE II - RECEIVING STATE

**COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO BE PAID IN AUSTRALIA
2019**

Date completed:

This table is designed to provide prospective adoptive parents ("PAPs") and other adoption actors with an overview of the costs and contributions (see p. 2 on the way to enter the "amount" in the tables) which may need to be paid in the above-mentioned receiving State when undertaking an intercountry adoption to that State. Unless indicated otherwise, the costs listed are for the adoption of ONE child.

Please note: In order to obtain a comprehensive overview of the costs and contributions which may need to be paid by the PAPs, one will need also to refer to Table I (costs and contributions to be paid in the State of origin) as completed by the State of origin in which the child habitually resides.

Additional amounts, such as **travel costs** (which may include airfares and accommodation) may apply but are not included in this table.

**SECTION I: GENERAL FIXED COSTS
TO BE PAID IN THE RECEIVING STATE
(regardless of the State of origin from which the adoptable child comes)**

COSTS			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount ¹³ [AUD]
Charged by an authority			
Administrative application fee ¹⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Child and Youth Protection Services (ACT)	\$1768 (Intercountry Adoption Application Fee)
		Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$4422 (includes assessment)
		Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (QLD)	N/A
		Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)	N/A (fee covered below in preparation and education)
		Department of Communities Tasmania (TAS)	\$324 (Registration)

¹³ For each category of costs, please indicate the currency, fixed amount, if applicable, or the range (minimum to maximum) that is charged for each category. See also p. 2 of this document for more details on the way to enter the "amount" in the tables.

¹⁴ States should use this category to indicate whether they charge a standard fee when PAPs submit an application to adopt.

			Department of Justice and Community Safety (VIC)	\$143.70 (Registration of Interest) \$1735.70 (Application)
			Department of Communities (WA)	\$1009 (Registration)
			Territory Families (NT)	\$1000
Administrative processing fee ¹⁵		<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Court fees		<input type="checkbox"/> CT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Documentation	Certificates issued in the receiving State (<i>Birth certificate, change of name, etc</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department of Justice: Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages (NSW)	\$60 (Birth certificate) \$195 (Change of name) \$57.20 (National Police Check)
			NSW Police	
			Department of Justice: Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages (WA)	\$49 (Birth certificate) \$173 (Change of Name)
			Births Death and Marriages Victoria (VIC)	\$33 (Birth certificate) \$107.90 (Change of name)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (TAS)	\$55.42 (Birth certificate) \$55.42 (Change of name)
			Department of Communities Tasmania (TAS)	\$324 (preparation of application to court (to get TAS birth certificate))

¹⁵ States should use this category to indicate whether they charge subsequent fees at different stages of the adoption procedure (e.g., when the matching is done).

			Births, Deaths and Marriages (QLD)	\$48.20 (Birth Certificate) \$183.60 (Change of name)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (ACT)	\$65 (Birth certificate) \$192 (Change of name)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (SA)	\$49.75 (Birth certificate) \$236.75 (Change of name, includes new birth certificate)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (NT)	\$46 (Birth certificate) \$46 (Change of name)
	Passports (for PAPs and child)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	\$150 (Child under 16 years) \$298 (persons over 16 years)
	Immigration procedures for the child in the receiving State (e.g., visa or other entry requirement)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Department of Home Affairs	\$2665 (Adoption Visa (sub class 102))

Please note: add as many rows to the table as required, according to the number of ABs present in your State.

Charged by an authority, an AB or other person			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [AUD]
Home study (preparation of the psychosocial evaluation on suitability to adopt of PAPs)	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Child and Youth Protection Services (ACT)	\$2999
		Department for Child Protection (SA)	Included in Application Costs
		Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (QLD)	\$5009.20 (Paid in two instalments) Includes all aspects of the assessment including file

			preparation, re-assessments and the placement proposal
		Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)	\$4260
		Department of Communities Tasmania (TAS)	\$1526.04
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (VIC)	\$3834.30
		Department of Communities (WA)	\$1328 (Assessment/ Home study and report) Fees payable to relevant agencies (Home Study dossier)
		Territory Families (NT)	\$2300
General preparation, education and training programs for PAPs ¹⁶	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Child and Youth Protection Services (ACT)	\$362
		Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)	\$640 (Includes expression of interest)
		Department of Communities (WA)	\$0 (Information seminar) \$350/person (Adoption education program)
		Territory Families (NT)	Included in Assessment/Home Study costs
Medical services and related certificates (e.g., health examination for PAPs)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Department of Communities (WA)	Fee payable to relevant health specialist.
Legal advice and representation	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		

¹⁶ *Ibid.*

Additional psychological services (e.g., for special needs children and other services provided to the child)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB <input type="checkbox"/> RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP <input type="checkbox"/> RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Post-adoption Services	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB <input type="checkbox"/> RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP <input type="checkbox"/> RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Child and Youth Protection Services (ACT)	\$1217 (Four Post-Placement Reports or Pro-Rata)
		Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (QLD)	\$2146.85 (Supervision)
		Department of Communities Tasmania (TAS)	\$810
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (VIC)	\$1446.90 (Placement proposal and post-placement visits and reports) \$2026 (Post placement supervision)
		Department of Communities (WA)	No Charge
		Territory Families (NT)	\$1000 (Supervision)

Others costs			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [AUD]
Expressions of Interest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$885
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (VIC)	\$143.70
File preparation to be sent overseas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$2947
		Department of Communities Tasmania (TAS)	\$810
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (VIC)	\$1880.90
		Territory Families (NT)	\$1300-1900

Placement (After allocation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$3749
Allocation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)	\$4800

SECTION II: OTHER POSSIBLE COSTS

(Which may or may not be incurred by PAPs, depending upon the State of origin from which the adoptable child comes. Please ensure that the same costs are reported either in Table I (State of origin) or Table II (receiving State) but not in both)

Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	State of origin¹⁷	Amount
Legalisation of documents in the receiving State	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Translation of documents in the receiving State	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Other (e.g., in the case of adoptions not mediated in the SO by an AB ¹⁸)	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		

SECTION III: CONTRIBUTIONS DEMANDED BY AN AB FROM A SPECIFIC STATE

[Bulgaria]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [EUR]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Family National Association	8000 (general program) 6600 (special needs program)

[Chile]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [USD]
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¹⁷ Please note that the number of documents to be translated will depend on each State of origin. However, the price of the translation will be according to professionals' fees in the receiving State.

¹⁸ These adoptions are not considered a good practice although they are permitted under the 1993 Hague Convention.

Programme costs (<i>e.g.</i> , costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Servicio Nacional de Menores - National Service for Minors	No fees charged
Communication costs (<i>e.g.</i> , translation services)		\$4000-\$6000
Legal and other costs		Upwards of \$1000
Documentation		\$100
[China]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [USD]
Programme costs (<i>e.g.</i> , costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	China Centre for Children's Welfare and Adoption	\$1100
Orphanage donation fee		\$800 (step-child adoption) RMB 35,000 (~USD\$5000)

[Hong Kong]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [USD]
Registration Fee	Po Leung Kuk	\$100
Processing Fee		\$500
Program Fees	International Social Services Hong Kong	\$600

[Colombia]	Charged by AP RS, AB SO & OP	Amount [AUD]
Programme costs (<i>e.g.</i> , costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Instituto Colombiano Bienestar Familiar	No fee
Translation	Colombian Accredited Translator	\$500
Notarisation	Public Notary	\$250
Apostille Fee	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	\$1200-1400

[Latvia]	Charged by AB SO	Amount
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Latvian Ministry of Welfare	No fees

[Philippines]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [USD]
Application fee	Intercountry Adoption Board	\$200
Processing Fee		\$2000 (single child) \$3000 (sibling group)
Pre-adoption costs		Varies
Child Care Support Fund		\$1000

[Poland]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [PLN]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy	No Fee
Complete form of the Birth Certificate		35
Short form of Birth Certificate		20
Polish temporary passport		30
Visa and Passport photos		~100
Immigration visa fee		USD\$230
Medical exam		250
Translations of Polish documents into English		30-40 per page
Court interpretation services		150-200
Formal psychological evaluation of the bonding process		2000-2500
Orphanage donations	Polish Orphanages	AUD\$170-1140

[South Africa]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [RAND]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Cape Town Child Welfare	35000

[South Korea]	Charged by AB	Amount [USD]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Eastern Social Welfare Society	\$19500

[Sri Lanka]	Charged by AB	Amount [USD]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Department of Probation and Child Care Services	\$2000-2500

[Taiwan]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [USD]
Allocation (Adoption Fee)	Christian Salvation Service	\$14000
	Child Welfare League Foundation	\$8000
	Chung Yi Social Welfare Foundation	\$3000 (may apply for special needs adoptions)
	Chung Yi Social Welfare Foundation	\$1100 (healthy children 5 years and younger)
Legislation Fee	Christian Salvation Service	\$7,000 (special needs-children five years and older)
	Child Welfare League Foundation	\$40 per bundle
	Chung Yi Social Welfare Foundation	\$40 per bundle
Authentication Fee	Christian Salvation Service	\$40 per bundle
	Child Welfare League Foundation	\$17 per bundle
	Chung Yi Social Welfare Foundation	\$17 per bundle
Translation	Chung Yi Social Welfare Foundation	\$20 per page
Other	Chung Yi Social Welfare Foundation	\$35 (bank transfer fee)
		\$140 (overseas and local courier fee)

[Thailand]	Charged by AB SO	Amount [AUD]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Department of Social Development and Welfare	\$1000
Collection fees	Child Adoption Centre social worker	THB2000

Please note: please complete one table for each State of origin with which your State works. Every table should contain one row for each accredited body authorised to work in the particular State of origin.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO PAPs (e.g., tax benefits or other allowances)			
Purpose	Applicable to all PAPs?	Name of authority, body or person providing assistance	Amount [currency]

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ABs (e.g., subsidies, tax benefits or other assistance)			
Purpose	Applicable to all ABs?	Name of authority, body or person providing assistance	Amount [currency]