

ADOPTION

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TABLEAUX SUR LES COÛTS ASSOCIÉS À L'ADOPTION INTERNATIONALE

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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 II - RECEIVING STATE
COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO BE PAID IN AUSTRALIA
2024

Date completed: May 2024

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)	\$1,862 (Intercountry Adoption Application Fee)
		Department for Child Protection (SA)	Application of Registration \$1,287
		Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (Qld)	N/A (no expression of interest fee)
		Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)	N/A (fee covered below in preparation and education)
		Department for Education, Children and	\$356 (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.

			Young People (Tas)	
			Department of Justice and Community Safety (Vic)	No fee (Registration of Interest) No fee (Application)
			Department of Communities (WA)	\$1,057 (Registration)
			Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (NT)	\$1,000
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) NSW Police Department of Justice: Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages (WA)	\$65 (Birth certificate) \$54 (Integrated Birth Certificate) \$214 (Change of name) \$54.50 (National Police Check including copy of results) \$53 (Birth certificate) \$185 (Change of Name) \$52.30 (Birth certificate) \$131.50 (Change of name) \$58.25 (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).

			Department for Education, Children and Young People (Tas)	\$211.25 (Change of name) \$356 (court fee proceeding application for birth certificate)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (Qld)	\$54.40 (Birth Certificate) \$199.10 (Change of name)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (ACT)	\$70 (Birth certificate) \$207 (Change of name)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (SA)	\$60.50 (Birth certificate) \$288.50 (Change of name, includes new birth certificate)
			Births, Deaths and Marriages (NT)	\$49 (Birth certificate) \$49 (Change of name)
	Passports (for PAPs and child)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	\$175 (Child under 16 years) \$346 (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	From \$3,055 (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	Child and Youth Protection Services (ACT)	\$3,157

	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$3,865 Assessment report
		Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (Qld)	\$5,496.97 (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)	\$4,388
		Department for Education, Children and Young People (Tas)	\$1,676.76
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (Vic)	No fee (Application preparation fee). No fee (for the preparation of the dossier)
		Department of Communities (WA)	\$1,392 (Assessment/ Home study and report) Fees payable to relevant agencies (Home Study dossier)
		Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (NT)	\$2,300
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)	\$381
		Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)	\$660 (Includes information package, expression of interest and information seminar)

¹⁶ *Ibid.*

		Department of Communities (WA)	\$350/person (Adoption education program)
		Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (NT)	Included in Assessment/Home Study costs
		Department for Child Protection (SA)	Included as part of the application fees
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		
Additional psychological services (e.g., for special needs children and other services provided to the child)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP 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 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)	\$1,281 (Four Post-Placement Reports or Pro-Rata)
		Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$291 Placement reports
		Department of Child Safety, Seniors and disability Services (Qld)	\$2,355.91 (Supervision)
		Department for Education, Children and Young People (Tas)	\$890
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (Vic)	No fee (Placement proposal and post-placement visits and reports) No fee (Post placement supervision)
		Department of Communities (WA)	No fee

		Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (NT)	\$1,000 (Placement Supervision)
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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)	\$1,031
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (Vic)	No fee
File preparation to be sent overseas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$3,434
		Department for Education, Children and Young People (Tas)	\$890
		Department of Justice and Community Safety (Vic)	No fee
		Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (NT)	\$1,300-1,900
Placement (After allocation)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department for Child Protection (SA)	\$4,466
Allocation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR	Department of Communities and Justice (NSW)	\$4,944 (charged prior to child being placed with PAPs)

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 origin ¹⁷	Amount
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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.

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**

For up to date financial aspects, refer to table of costs for each 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]