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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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## TABLES ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

The *Tables on costs*<sup>1</sup> 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”<sup>2</sup> 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,<sup>3</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.hcch.net) > under “Intercountry Adoption Section” (hereinafter, “Note”).

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://www.hcch.net) > under “Intercountry Adoption Section” (hereinafter, “Guide to Good Practice No 2”).

<sup>3</sup> 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 SWEDEN 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 <sup>4</sup> SEK
Charged by an authority				
Administrative application fee <sup>5</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Administrative processing fee <sup>6</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Court fees		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	District court	900
Documentation	Certificates issued in the receiving State (e.g., birth, marriage, criminal records)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	The Swedish Police, The Tax Agency	Up to 300
	Passports (for PAPs and child)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	The Swedish Police Passport Expedition	500/person

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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).

Documentation	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	The Swedish Migration Agency	1 000 (residence permit application)  175 (application/registration of Swedish citizenship)
	Other: [please specify]			
Charged by an AB in the RS <sup>7</sup>				
Purpose of the service covered by the cost		Charged by	Name of AB	Amount SEK
Opening of the adoption case file		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Adoptionscentrum	2 800
			Children Above All - Adoptions	2 800
Administration and file processing costs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Adoptionscentrum	App. 150 000
			Children Above All - Adoptions	App. 187 000
Membership of the AB		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Adoptionscentrum	495
			Children Above All - Adoptions	525
Other administrative costs / fee for overhead [please explain what fees cover]		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Adoptionscentrum	-
			Children Above All - Adoptions	-

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 SEK
Home study (preparation of the psychosocial evaluation on suitability to adopt of PAPs)		<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	The municipal social welfare office	Free
General preparation, education and training programs for PAPs <sup>8</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP		0-4000/person

<sup>7</sup> See Section II for specific costs according to each State of origin.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
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	Health care centers and private clinics	Up to about 3000, but it differs between regions
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Health care centers and private clinics	Free, but fees to private clinics varies
Post-adoption counselling	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	The municipal social welfare office and private clinics	Post adoption counselling through the municipal social welfare office is free. The fees to private clinics varies

Others costs			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [currency]
[please specify]			

## **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 <sup>9</sup>	Amount SEK
Legalisation of documents in the receiving State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Colombia	Adoptionscentrum: 20 000 (incl. translation and DHL)
	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Czech Republic	Children Above All - Adoptions: 8 5000
	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Hungary	Children Above All - Adoptions: 0
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	India	Adoptionscentrum: 8 300 (incl. DHL)  Children Above All - Adoptions: 6 000

<sup>9</sup> 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.

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Philippines	Adoptionscentrum: 2 800 (incl. DHL)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Republic of Korea	Adoptionscentrum: 14 000 (incl. DHL)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Serbia	Adoptionscentrum: 4 000 (incl. DHL)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	South Africa	Adoptionscentrum: 11 200 (incl. DHL)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Taiwan	Adoptionscentrum: 14 500 (incl. DHL)  Children Above All - Adoptions: 12 500 (incl. DHL)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Thailand	Adoptionscentrum: 11 000 (incl. DHL)  Children Above All - Adoptions: 4 500 (incl. DHL)
Translation of documents in the receiving State	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Colombia	Adoptionscentrum: 10 000
	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Czech Republic	Children Above All - Adoptions: 10 000
	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Hungary	Children Above All - Adoptions: 16 700 (incl. DHL)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	India	Adoptionscentrum: 18 000  Children Above All - Adoptions: 15 000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Philippines	Adoptionscentrum: 13 000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Republic of Korea	Adoptionscentrum: 16 000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Serbia	Adoptionscentrum: 15 200
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	South Africa	Adoptionscentrum: 20 400
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Taiwan	Adoptionscentrum: 29 000  Children Above All - Adoptions: 13 000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Thailand	Adoptionscentrum: 17 500  Children Above All - Adoptions:0

Other (e.g., in the case of adoptions not mediated in the SO by an AB <sup>10</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	[NAME OF SO 1]	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	[NAME OF SO 2]	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	[NAME OF SO 3]	

COLOMBIA	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	21 000 (incl. travel costs for rep.)
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		1 000
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports		2 600
Other	Care cost	2 100
	Legal cost	14 000
	Fees to CAN/AB SO	27 000 (AB SO)

CZECH REPUBLIC	Charged by AB	Amount SEK
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Children Above All – Adoptions	15 500
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports		
Other	Interpreter cost	7 500

<sup>10</sup> These adoptions are not considered a good practice although they are permitted under the 1993 Hague Convention.

<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Children Above All - Adoptions	31 000
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		21 200
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports		
Other	Legalisation etc.	2 200

<b>INDIA</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	17 600
	Children Above All - Adoptions	7 500
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Adoptionscentrum	2 400
Other	Adoptionscentrum:	
	Fees to CAN/AB SO	54 200 (CAN)
	Children Above All - Adoptions:	
	Care costs	51 500

<b>PHILIPPINES</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		

Preparation of post-adoption reports		1 200
Other	Care cost	10 800
	Fees to CAN/AB SO	32 200 (CAN)

<b>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs ( <i>e.g.</i> , costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	
Communication costs ( <i>e.g.</i> , telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports		2 400
Other	Fees to CAN/AB SO	185 900

<b>SERBIA</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs ( <i>e.g.</i> , costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	26 100
Communication costs ( <i>e.g.</i> , telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		1 000
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports		2 800
Other		1 700

<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs ( <i>e.g.</i> , costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	6 800
Communication costs ( <i>e.g.</i> , telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		

Preparation of post-adoption reports		2 000
Other	Care cost	6 200
	Fees to CAN/AB SO	18 600 (AB SO)

<b>TAIWAN</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	
	Children Above All - Adoptions	34 000
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Adoptionscentrum	4 800
Other	Adoptionscentrum: Fees to CAN/AB SO	97 600
	Children Above All-Adoptions: care costs, attorney and legalization costs	65 500

<b>THAILAND</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoptionscentrum	
	Children Above All - Adoptions	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Adoptionscentrum	1 200
Other	Children Above All - Adoptions: Translation costs	2 000

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 III: CONTRIBUTIONS DEMANDED BY AN AB  
FOR A SPECIFIC STATE**

[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 1]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State [Please specify for what purpose the money is collected]	N/A	

[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 2]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State [Please specify for what purpose the money is collected]	N/A	

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 SEK
Adoption allowance	Yes, under certain circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• f the adoption was mediated by an AB, and the adoption is completed.</li> </ul>	Swedish Social Insurance Agency	75 000/child

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 SEK
Government subsidy	Yes	The Family Law and Parental Support Authority	The grant should not exceed 10 000 SEK/ average number of

			adopted children through the AB during the last two years.
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