

ADOPTION

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**TABLEAUX SUR LES COÛTS ASSOCIÉS À L'ADOPTION INTERNATIONALE**

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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 New Zealand  
2024****Date completed: June 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><br>NZ\$  |
| Charged by an authority                     |  |                              |   |                                       |  |
| Administrative application fee <sup>5</sup> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN | <input type="checkbox"/> CAR            |                                       | 0  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> PA  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |                                       |  |
| Administrative processing fee <sup>6</sup>  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN | <input type="checkbox"/> CAR            |                                       | 0  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> PA  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |                                       |  |
| Court fees                                  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> CT  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |                                       | 0  |
| Documentation                               | Certificates issued in the receiving State (e.g., birth, marriage, criminal records) | <input type="checkbox"/> PA  | <input type="checkbox"/> CT             | NZ Department of Internal Affairs     | 33.00  |
|   | Passports (for PAPs and child)   | <input type="checkbox"/> PA  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | NZ Department of Internal Affairs     | Adult passport (standard) 215.00<br>Child Passport (standard) 125.00 |

<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 type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | NZ Immigration                    | Costs differ depending on visa. Child visitor visa approx. 200.00 |
|               | Other: Re Translation of 3 key child documents required for citizenship                             |  | NZ Department of Internal Affairs | Approx 225.00   |
|               | Citizenship (child under 16)  |  | NZ Department of Internal Affairs | 235.10  |
|               | Govt taxes on services  |  | NZ Inland Revenue Dept            | 15% on all goods and services                                     |

Charged by an AB in the RS<sup>7</sup>

| Purpose of the service covered by the cost                                     | Charged by                              | Name of AB             | Amount NZ\$                           |
|--|---|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Opening of the adoption case file  | X AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    | ICANZ                  | 3,000.00                              |
|  |   | Adoption First Steps   | 750.00                                |
|  |   | Compassion for Orphans | 0                                     |
|  |   |                        |                                       |
| Administration and file processing costs                                       | X AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    | ICANZ                  | 4,000.00                              |
|  |   | Adoption First Steps   | Included in the above application fee |
|  |   | Compassion for Orphans | 0                                     |
|  |   |                        |                                       |
| Membership of the AB   | <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS<br>X N/A | ICANZ                  | 0                                     |
|  |   | Adoption First Steps   | 0                                     |
|  |   | Compassion for Orphans | 0                                     |
|  |   |                        |                                       |
| Other administrative costs / fee for overhead [please explain what fees cover] | X AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A    | ICANZ                  | 4,000.00                              |
|  |   | Adoption First Steps   | 0                                     |
|  |   | Compassion for Orphans | 0                                     |
|  |   |                        |                                       |

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

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

| 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 [currency]   |
| Home study (preparation of the psychosocial evaluation on suitability to adopt of PAPs)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR<br><input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A   | Oranga Tamariki AFS                              | 0<br>6,000.00-<br>This includes social workers assessment and Home Study Report       |
| General preparation, education and training programs for PAPs <sup>8</sup>                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR<br><input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A            | Oranga Tamariki<br>Compassion for Orphans<br>AFS | 0<br>0<br>700.00 per person online education and 500.00 per person for 1 day workshop |
| Medical services and related certificates (e.g., health examination for PAPs)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A  | General Practitioner/Per applicant               | 50.00-70.00   |
| Legal advice and representation   | <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS<br><input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A   |  | 0   |
| 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A  | Psychologists                                    | Approx. 180.00 to 250.00 per 50mins   |
| Post-adoption counselling   | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR<br><input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | Counselors or Therapists                         | Approx. 200.00 to 300.00 per hour   |

| Others costs  |            |   |                 |
|---|------------|---|-----------------|
| Purpose of the service covered by the cost                    | Charged by | Name of the authority, body or person   | Amount NZ\$     |
| Psychological Report  | OP         | Psychologist                            | Approx 7,000.00 |
| Addendum or amendment to Home Study Report after finalisation | AB RS      | Adoption First Steps<br>Oranga Tamariki | 350-700.00<br>0 |
| Home Study Report update after 2 years                        | AB RS      | Adoption First Steps                    | 675.00          |

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

**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 NZ\$ |
|---|--|------------------------------|-------------|
| Translation of documents in the receiving State                             | <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A   | Thailand                     | 4,000.00    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A   | Lithuania                    | 1,800 EUROS |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A   |                              |             |
| Legalization (notarizing and Apostille) of documents in the receiving State | <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A  | India                        | 450.00      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A  | Lithuania                    | 350.00      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP  | Chile                        | 440.00      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A   | Thailand                     | 350.00      |
| Other Lawyer fees for court case to finalize adoption                       | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA   X OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A                      | Lithuania                    | 2,000.00    |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A |                              |             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A |                              |             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A |                              |             |

| India   | Charged by AB  | Amount NZ\$  |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable) | ICANZ- By CARA | 5,000.00 USD |
|   |                |              |
|   |                |              |
| 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- 2 years, 6 reports  | ICANZ          | 600.00       |
|   |                |              |
|   |                |              |
| Other file management, country specific   |                |              |
|   |                |              |
|   |                |              |

| Lithuania   | Charged by AB | Amount NZ\$    |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Programme costs (e.g., (administrative /reporting/reaccreditation costs)) | ICANZ         | 5,479.00 EUROS |
|   |               |                |

<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.

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|--|-------|-------------------|
|  |       |                   |
| 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   | ICANZ | 600.00 per report |
|  |       |                   |
| Other – file management country specific   |       |                   |
|  |       |                   |

| Philippines   | Charged by AB          | Amount NZ\$       |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| Programme costs (e.g. e.g., costs to pay the liaison service, towards re-accreditation costs, Global meeting costs) | ICANZ                  | 2,900.00          |
|   |                        |                   |
| 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 x3   | ICANZ                  | 600.00 per report |
|   |                        |                   |
|   |                        |                   |
| Other – file management country specific  | ICANZ                  | 2,500.00          |
|   |                        |                   |
|   |                        |                   |
| Thailand  | Charged by AB          | Amount NZ\$       |
| Programme costs (e.g. e.g., costs to pay the liaison service, towards re-accreditation costs, Global meeting costs) | ICANZ                  | 9,000.00          |
|   | Compassion for orphans | 0                 |
|   |                        |                   |
| 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  | ICANZ                  | 600.00 per report |
|   | Compassion for Orphans | 0                 |
|   |                        |                   |
| Other – file management country specific  |                        |                   |

| Chile   | Charged by AB   | Amount NZ\$       |
|---|---|-------------------|
| Programme costs (e.g. e.g., costs to pay the liaison service, towards re-accreditation costs, Global meeting costs) | Representatives on contract to Compassion for Orphans | 1,400.00-3,000.00 |
|   |   |                   |
|   |   |                   |
|   | Compassion for Orphans                                | 0                 |

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country) |   |  |
| Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs   | Compassion for Orphans  | 0  |
|  |   |  |
| Preparation of post-adoption reports   | Compassion for Orphans  | 3,600.00 (6 reports)   |
|  |   |  |
| Other – file management country specific   | Compassion for Orphans (Bridge Language Group on contract to) | 1,000.00-1,300.00 (PAPs Dossier)<br>1,500.00-1,800.00 (Post Placement Reports) |

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**

| India  | Charged by AB | Amount |
|--|---------------|--------|
| Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State<br>[Please specify for what purpose the money is collected] | ICANZ         | 0      |
|  |               |        |
|  |               |        |
|  |               |        |

| Lithuania  | Charged by AB | Amount [currency] |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State<br>[Please specify for what purpose the money is collected] | ICANZ         | 0                 |
|  |               |                   |
|  |               |                   |
|  |               |                   |

| Philippines  | Charged by AB | Amount [currency] |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State<br>[Please specify for what purpose the money is collected] | ICANZ         | 0                 |
|  |               |                   |
|  |               |                   |
|  |               |                   |

| Thailand | Charged by AB | Amount [currency] |
|----------|---------------|-------------------|
|          | ICANZ         | 0                 |

|  |                        |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State<br>[Please specify for what purpose the money is collected] |                        |   |
|  | Compassion for Orphans | 0 |
|  |                        |   |

| Chile  | Charged by AB          | Amount [currency] |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State<br>[Please specify for what purpose the money is collected] | Compassion for Orphans | 0                 |
|  |                        |                   |
|  |                        |                   |
|  |                        |                   |

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 NZ\$       |
|   | For those adopting children with Special Needs | Compassion for Orphans                                 | Up to \$20,000.00 |

| 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 NZ\$ |
| No financial assistance provided  |                        |  |             |