

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 [NAME OF THE RECEIVING STATE]**  
**[YEAR]**

**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 <sup>4</sup> [currency]
Charged by an authority			
Administrative application fee <sup>5</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Vlaams Centrum voor Adoptie	€ 0
Administrative processing fee <sup>6</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Vlaams Centrum voor Adoptie	€ 275
Court fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Family Court	€ 165 + 24€ per person administrative costs
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	€ 0
	Passports (for PAPs and child)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Municipality € 0-250

<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	Embassy	0-250€
	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 [currency]
Opening of the adoption case file		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Administration and file processing costs		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Membership of the AB		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Other administrative costs / fee for overhead [please explain what fees cover]		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		

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 [currency]
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 type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Vlaams Centrum voor Adoptie	€ 0
General preparation, education and training programs for PAPs <sup>8</sup>		<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	Vlaams Centrum voor Adoptie	€250
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	Doctor etc	€ 4
Legal advice and representation		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		€ 0

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

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

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	Het Kleine Mirakel	€ 0
Post-adoption counselling	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Het Kleine Mirakel	€ 0

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 [currency]
Legalisation of documents in the receiving State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		€ 20 / document
	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Translation of documents in the receiving State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		€ 30-50 /page
	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
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		
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		

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)	Representative (in case child resides in Bogotá)	€ 1600
	Representative (in case child resides outside Bogotá)	€ 1800

<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.

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

Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

Peru	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	[NAME OF AB 1]	€ 0
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

Bulgaria	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	[NAME OF AB 1]	€ 8500
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

### **Included Expenses (within the €8,500 fee) (based on the agreement dd 2025)**

- €8,500 is the total fee for the adoption procedure from Bulgaria, covering all standard costs.

- The breakdown (with euro and BGN values) is for informational purposes, showing what is included in the fee.
- Additional costs (such as travel, extra post-adoption reports, legal assistance for dissolution, etc.) are not included in the €8,500 and would be paid separately if they arise

### **Summary:**

#### **Procedure-related expenses (up to €6,500):**

- Statutory state fees: up to €400
- Ministry of Justice fee for inscription in register: 100 BGN
- Ministry of Justice fee for court transcript: 50 BGN
- Court fee for transcript: 25 BGN
- Fee for legalization of documents with Apostille: 5 BGN per document
- Fee for legalization of Bulgarian document for foreign countries: 15–45 BGN per document
- Notary certification of transcripts: 3 BGN for first page, 2 BGN for each following page
- Notary certification of signature: 5 BGN per document
- Birth certificate issuance: 30 BGN
- International passport for child: 20 BGN (up to age 14), 80 BGN (above age 14)
- Translation of documents and evidence: up to €1,300
- Legalization of documents: up to €600
- Consulting regarding legislation, procedure, documents, deadlines: up to €300
- Initiation, processing, compiling dossier, petitions, appeals, translation: up to €1,000
- Gathering and providing additional materials about the child: up to €250
- Organization and assistance with contact between adopters and child: up to €500
- Communication with institutions, arranging contact: up to €100
- Consulting adopters on consent/dissent: up to €150
- Legal representation in court: up to €700
- Obtaining new birth certificate, court decree, Hague certificate, passport, etc.: up to €200
- Organizing and assisting with child's pick-up and adaptation: up to €200
- Translation, legalization, compiling and submission of six post-adoption reports: up to €800

#### **Administrative expenses (up to €2,000):**

- Documentation maintenance, archiving, confidentiality: up to €150
- Translation, legalization, notary and court fees (overall activity): up to €200
- Emoluments, mission trip allowances, labor, other remunerations: up to €600
- Travel expenses (overall activity): up to €200
- Systematic increase of staff knowledge and skills: up to €100
- Office and equipment maintenance, overhead, supplies, accounting, phone, internet, security system, etc.: up to €450
- Participation in special measures for adoption: up to €300

Honduras	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	[NAME OF AB 1]	€ 8000
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

### Costs related to an adoption file in Honduras

Total estimated amount

- Total: USD 8,000
  - USD 6,721: legal assistance and support for the adoptive family
  - USD 1,279: administrative costs

Administrative costs — total USD 1,279

- Translation of documents and authentication of translations at the Secretary of Foreign Affairs  
(*English-Spanish / Spanish-English, including documents to be submitted to the Belgian Embassy and updated documents*): USD 600
- Authentication of documents by a Notary Public: USD 70
- Authentication of the letter from the Honduran Consulate: USD 8
- Document from SENAF indicating when the adoption started: USD 8
- Certification of Referral: USD 8
- Fee for the judicial officer  
(*requesting SENAF to send the original dossier and notifying the date for consent*): USD 20
- Passport: USD 35
- Notice of Adoption in a local newspaper: USD 30
- Other costs, such as transportation, photocopies, office supplies, etc.: USD 500

Legal costs

- Legal advice and assistance for the adoptive family: USD 6,721

Costs not included

The following costs are expressly excluded from the amount of USD 8,000:

- Laboratory examinations for the child
- Medical examinations for the visa
- Interpreter's fees for the SENAF interview: USD 25–30 per hour
- Travel costs to obtain a new birth certificate if the child was not born in Tegucigalpa
- Visa fee

South Africa	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Procedure:	35000 ZAR
	Medical costs	4000 ZAR

Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

Cost Item	Amount (ZAR)
Administration & intake assessment	687.50
Investigation (police, tracing, affidavits)	1,100.00
Birth registration	1,375.00
Travel expenses for investigation	1,283.00
Matching meeting (adoption social workers)	550.00
Child study (background/emotional/medical)	550.00
Medical expenses	4,000.00
Preparation for placement (home visits, video calls, therapeutic prep)	825.00
Placement (therapeutic process)	1,100.00
Administration (court documents)	1,100.00
Orientation process for intake	1,650.00
File review	941.00
Administration/opening file	550.00
Waiting list management	412.50
Interview/counseling/matching	825.00
Therapeutic support & parent care (approx. 5 weeks)	8,250.00
Bonding, guidance, monitoring, court preparation	1,650.00
Placement	2,750.00
Reports (section 168/171, 231, article 17)	1,350.00
Court process	550.00
Administration & facilitating roots process	1,375.00
Emotional assessment	748.00
Post-placement visits	825.00
Document preparation (court, SACA, DSD, Apostille, Embassy)	1,122.00
Planning & arrival of parents	748.00
Apostille/High Court/Foreign Affairs/Embassy	561.00
Apostilled documents to agency	374.00
Re-registration	748.00
Aftercare	1,000.00

**Total:** 39,000.00 ZAR

Thailand	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
	[NAME OF AB 1]	€ 375

Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

Philippines	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Application fee	USD 200
	Processing fee	USD 2000
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

Portugal	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	[NAME OF AB 1]	€ 400+23% tax day of guidance
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	/
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

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]	[NAME OF AB 1]	
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
	[NAME OF AB 4]	
	[NAME OF AB 5]	

[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]	[NAME OF AB 1]	
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
	[NAME OF AB 4]	
	[NAME OF AB 5]	

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]