



# Vietnam

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Who can adopt?

- The applicant(s) must be 20 years of age.
- Married couples are accepted.
- Single parents are accepted.
- Same sex couples *are not* accepted.

### TDH's criteria for children available for adoption must be:

- Either gender.
- Age range: 1 to 4 years old.

**\*Special needs (from minor correctable to more severe health diagnoses) and older children are available.**

### Cost of an adoption

- The total cost of an adoption is approximately \$48,000 CAD (based on a couple-single applicants is approximately \$3000 CAD less).
- The approximate total cost includes TDHs and third parties (paid directly to the services provided to you) expenses that incur in your province and Vietnam. Examples of these fees are: registration, medical, salaries, accompaniment, homestudy, travel, accommodations, and immigration and delegation costs for Vietnamese authorities to come to Canada.

## DOSSIER REQUIREMENTS

- Originals (2) Application (Vietnamese form) and 4 photos of applicant(s) (each).
- Copy of Marriage Certificate, if applicable (official copy from the Registrar of Civil Status).
- Photocopy of passport of each adoptive applicant (couples on same page).
- Original of homestudy and the Ministry's Letter of Approval.

- Original of medical certificate of each adoptive applicant on form provided by TDH (must be at least 6 months valid at time of the presentation of the dossier in Vietnam).
- Original of letter of employment for each adoptive applicant or financial statement. The form is provided by TDH.
- Original of police certificate.

We will notarize these documents and then have them legalized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa. We then send the documents to the Vietnamese official translation office in Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City.

## CHILD PROPOSAL

the child dossier is completed, the adoptive applicants will receive official proposal documentation. At that time, the adoptive applicants will discuss the proposal with their adoption practitioner and will set a date to meet if they want to proceed. Adoptive applicants will have 30 days to accept or reject the proposal of the child.

An official acceptance or refusal letter is signed by the adoptive applicants and the approved adoption practitioner, and is forwarded to the Ministry in order to receive approval for the match. After receiving Ministry approval, this document will be sent to Vietnam.

- Once the Department of Adoption (DA) has received the approval documents, they will transfer the dossier to the Department of Justice (DOJ) in order to schedule the “Giving and Receiving Ceremony” date which is the official adoption date.
- TDH will inform the adoptive applicant(s) of the date of the “Giving and Receiving Ceremony”.
- The adoptive applicant(s) will then have 30 days to make arrangements to travel to Vietnam (minimum 3 week stay & only one trip to Vietnam during the adoption process).
- Once the formal adoption process has occurred, the DA will issue the Certificate of Conformity as required by the Hague Convention.
- Before the departure for Vietnam, TDH will communicate with the adoptive applicants to provide them with all the detailed information for travelling to Vietnam.
- TDH’s Vietnam staff will accompany and assist adoptive applicant(s) throughout their stay in Vietnam.
- Travel documents for the child are obtained by our Vietnam representative then sent to the Canadian Embassy in Singapore in order to finalize immigration procedures. Once the Canadian passport is obtained, parents return to Canada with their child(ren).

## POST-ADOPTION REPORTING

- Follow-up reports must be submitted by the parents twice each year for 3 years. We will send you a template for completing these reports and a reminder for when and where these are due.
- The child has permanent resident status when s/he enters Canada if the immigration process is used.
- Alternatively, TDH recommend the Citizenship and Immigration Canada route which is much quicker to process while in Vietnam. In this case, the child will be a Canadian citizen when entering Canada. A Vietnamese and Canadian passport will be issued when the child is in Vietnam.