

A GUIDE TO PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS PROGRAM OFFICE
US CIS District #7
Fairfax, VA**

**International Adoptions Program Office
Contact Information**

The purpose of this handout is to guide you through some of the filing processes at USCIS, District #7 at Fairfax, Virginia. Please review it any time a concern/question comes up and before placing calls or emails. You will find that this Guide will answer almost, if not, every question about adoption application processing by our District Office. We will update it as laws and regulations change in the fluid environment of international adoptions. Be assured that the International Adoptions Program staff strives to answer your questions and adjudicate each application as quickly and efficiently as possible. We have a large number of applicants and each application deserves our attention. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Frequently Asked Questions
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Q. What is your mailing address?

A. US CIS, District #7, 2675 Prosperity Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031

Q. Will you discuss my case with my adoption agency?

A. If you wish for your agency to be given information about your case, please file a release of information form to indicate your permission for your agency to be given information about the processing of your case.

Q. How long will it take to process my application?

A. Our current average processing time is nine weeks from receipt of **BOTH** the Home

time after, however a form I-72, Request for Evidence, will be issued to you if you have not submitted them prior to the time your case is reviewed by the Adoptions Officer. In the interest of expediency, if you have ever been arrested (for any reason) and have not disclosed this information to your home study preparer, please contact them so that the necessary steps can be taken to avoid the denial of the application for failure to disclose a criminal record (this includes all types and levels of offenses, misdemeanors, felonies; and nature of the crime-against persons (of a sexual nature or otherwise), property, government, etc).

If you are unable to comply with the request within said time, you **MUST**

No other changes can be made by submitting the change via letter or by filing an I-824, therefore the characteristics of the child(ren) you have been previously



Best wishes,
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