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## **WELL TO KNOW IN THE INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION PROCEDURE**

- **All applications for inter-country adoption shall be handled within the direct collaboration between the Romanian Office for Adoptions (ROA) and the foreign central authority or the foreign accredited organization also authorized by the ROA; the responsibility of managing the activities for which the organization is authorized by the ROA cannot be transferred to other persons/organizations.**
- **The procedures requested by the Romanian law for inter-country adoption do not allow the foreign private bodies to use third parties - natural or juridical persons – as their representatives who act on their behalf.**
- **Subsequent to the arrival of the family in Romania, the local child protection authorities and the Romanian Office for Adoptions provide them FREE OF CHARGE counseling on the legal requirements and the administrative steps needed in performing the adoption procedure or on other unexpected issues regarding the child that may occur during the process.**
- **When planning their trip to Romania, the adoptive persons/family should consider the following:**
  - **It can take up to 3-4 months from the moment the adoptive family arrives here, until the child can leave Romania together with his family; the period is necessary for the practical matching stage, unrolling the court action, the definitive court order solution, procurement of a new birth certificate and passport for the child, issuing the Certificate of conformity of inter-country adoption, issuing of the travelling visa if necessary, etc.**
  - **The presence of the family is MANDATORY for the period of 30/45 days during the practical matching, stage prior to sending the file to court of law, and in the court of law for expressing their consent to the adoption;**
  - **Filing the requests for issuing of the birth certificate, passport, Certificate of conformity of inter-country adoption and also procuring them afterwards can be done personal or through persons delegated with a special power of attorney.**
- **The adoption procedure is free of charge/no taxes applied.**

- **All donations/sponsorships to the ROA, General Departments for Social Assistance and Child Protection or any other persons working within the public institutions and involved in the adoption process are forbidden by the law).**
- **Biological parents cannot request or receive money or other benefits/valuables for the adoption of their child (sanctioned as an infraction).**
- **The request for the adoption order is absolved of the judicial/court stamp tax (therefore is free of charge).**
- **It is not mandatory for the family to be represented by a lawyer in the court of law.**
- **Medical analyses of the child requested by the adopter or required by the receiving state, additional to the ones already present in his medical record sent to the adopter, must be paid by the adopter only if the cost of those analyses is not bared by the national health insurance budget.**

**See costs associated with issuing of adoption related documents below**

Legalizing the court order (5 copies are recommended)	<b>5 lei stamp tax/copy</b>
Issuing the new birth certificate (with the new name)	<b>2 lei extrajudicial stamp tax</b>

<p>Issuing of a standard electronic passport for a child younger than 12 years (can be paid at an CEC Bank branch)</p>	<p><b>244 lei passport tax</b> <b>32 lei consular tax</b></p>
<p>Issuing of a standard electronic passport for a child older than 12 years (can be paid at an CEC Bank branch)</p>	<p><b>270 lei passport tax</b> <b>32 lei consular tax</b></p>
<p>Power of attorney notarial document for filing the request and procuring the new birth certificate  (if the family wishes to delegate someone)</p>	<p><b>Minimal cost 30 lei</b> <b>+VAT/first copy</b> <b>10 lei +VAT/each other copy</b></p>
<p>Power of attorney notarial document for filing the request and procuring the passport  (if the family wishes to delegate someone)</p>	<p><b>Minimal cost 30 lei</b> <b>+VAT/first copy</b> <b>10 lei +VAT/each other copy</b></p>
<p>Power of attorney notarial document for filing the request, procuring and filling the necessary documents for issuing the "according to Hague" adoption certificate  (if the family wishes to delegate someone)</p>	<p><b>Minimal cost 30 lei</b> <b>+VAT/first copy</b> <b>10 lei +VAT/each other copy</b></p>

*\*The amounts/taxes mentioned above can suffer changes if legislation modification occurs*

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