

Questions to Ask International Adoption Agencies

1. How many years have you been working in international adoption?
2. Which countries do you work with, and how many placements did you make last year from each? How many years have you been placing children from each of these countries?
3. Are your overseas staff contract employees who work with many agencies, or do they work only with you?
4. Do you have a complete description of all fees, including agency fees, translator fees (if applicable), donations, and the various countries' fees?
5. If the country I apply to changes its rules and I become disqualified, can I switch to another country?
6. Can you provide a copy of your contract?
7. Who will help me prepare my dossier?
8. After my dossier is complete, how long will I wait before placement?
9. Does your agency require a promise never to use corporal punishment?
10. If travel is involved, how long should I expect to be out of the country? Will my spouse and I both need to travel?
11. Do you subcontract with other agencies in countries where your agency is not certified?