



INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION PROCESS

PRE STAGE 1



Assessments will be carried out to determine the 'suitability' by qualified and experienced social workers on behalf of the UK Adoption Agency.



In order to sponsor a child into the UK, Prospective Adopters (both if a couple) must either:

- Hold a British Passport or Hold a Settled Status (with indefinite leave to remain or permanent residency). This is a process which is set within a strong statutory framework.



There are criteria which must be met for you to be entitled to adopt under UK Law which is:

- Prospective Adopter(s) must be at least 21 years of age.
 - There is no upper age limit.
- A prospective adopter, if single, must be domiciled within the UK, or have been habitually resident within the UK for a minimum of 1 year prior to the date of the application.
- If the prospective adopters are a couple then both must be domiciled within the UK, or have been habitually resident within the UK for a minimum of 1 year prior to the date of the application.
- A prospective adopter, partner or any member of the household within which they reside, must not have been convicted of certain specified offences.



INFORMATION SESSION



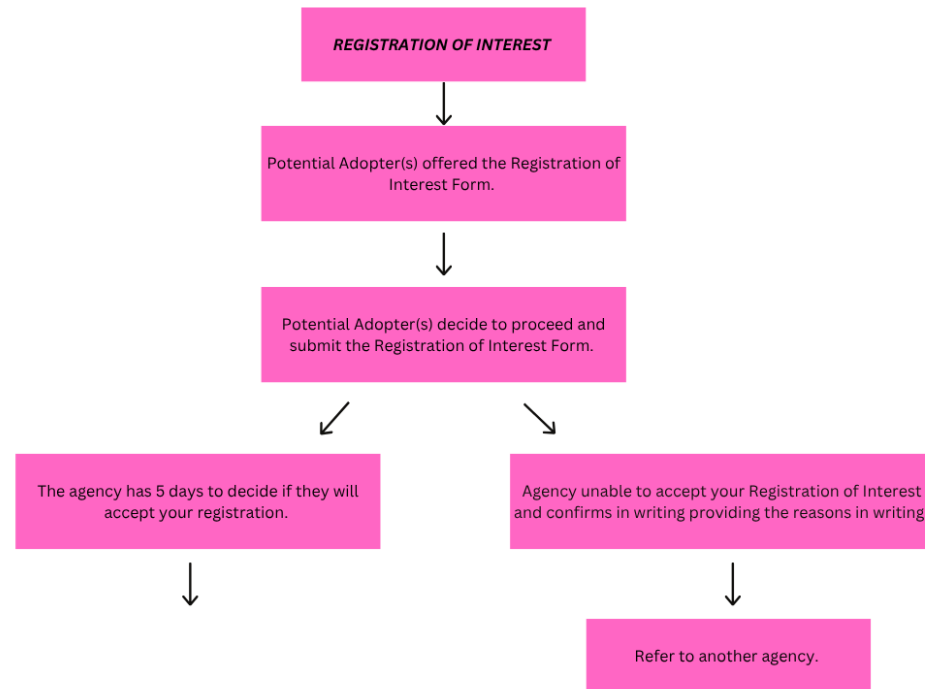
INITIAL INTERVIEW

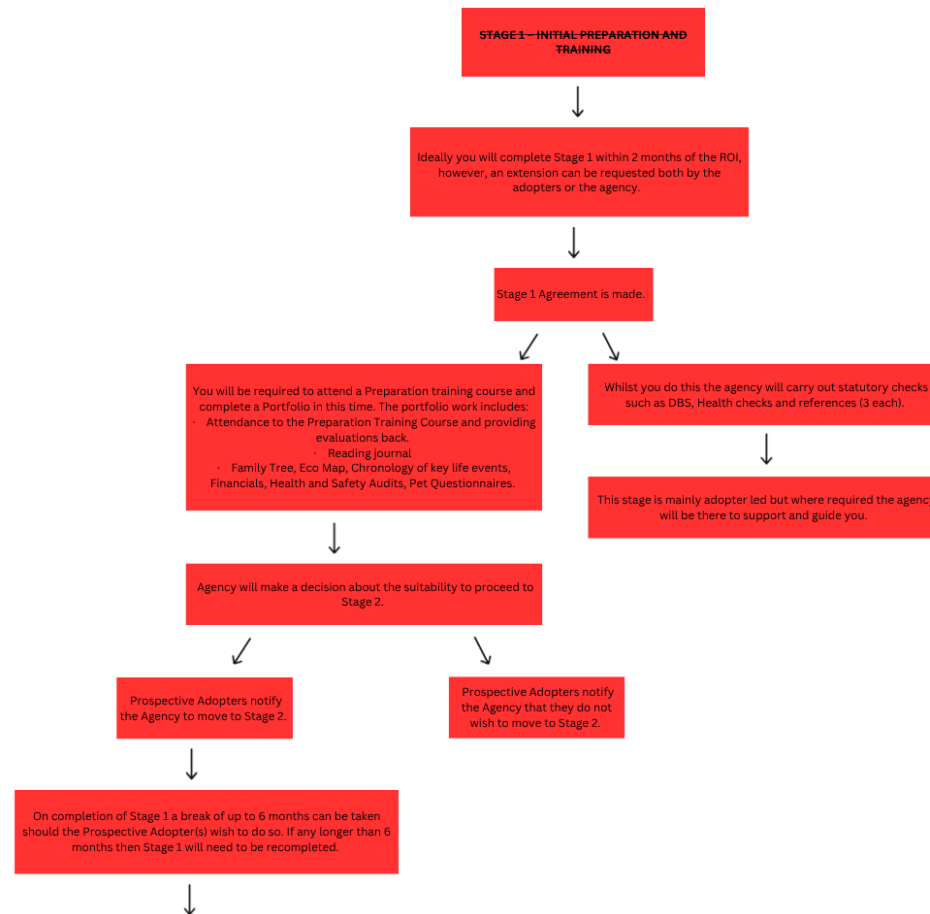


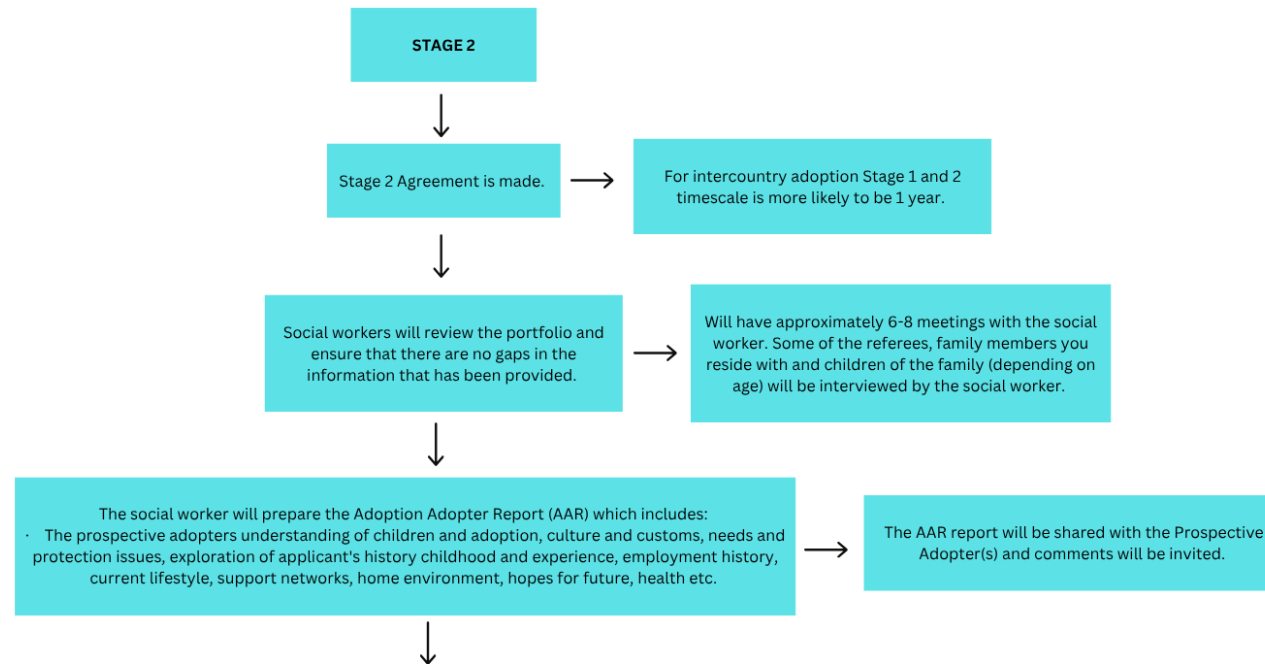
Initial Interview – to determine your eligibility for adoption from overseas and discuss the process within the agency.
The interview will generally cover:

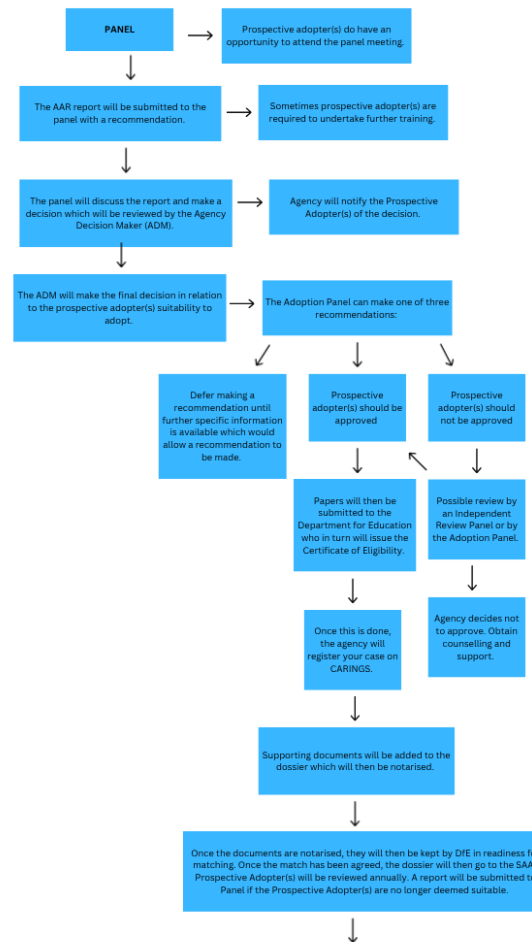
- Reasons for wanting to adopt.
- Check your understanding, knowledge and experience of children and adoption including the particular needs of the children which will be placed in the UK after being adopted from India.
- Basic Information which is relevant to the eligibility criteria such as: UK status, DBS status, health, employment status, accommodation and residency status, family members, support network and any other concerns.

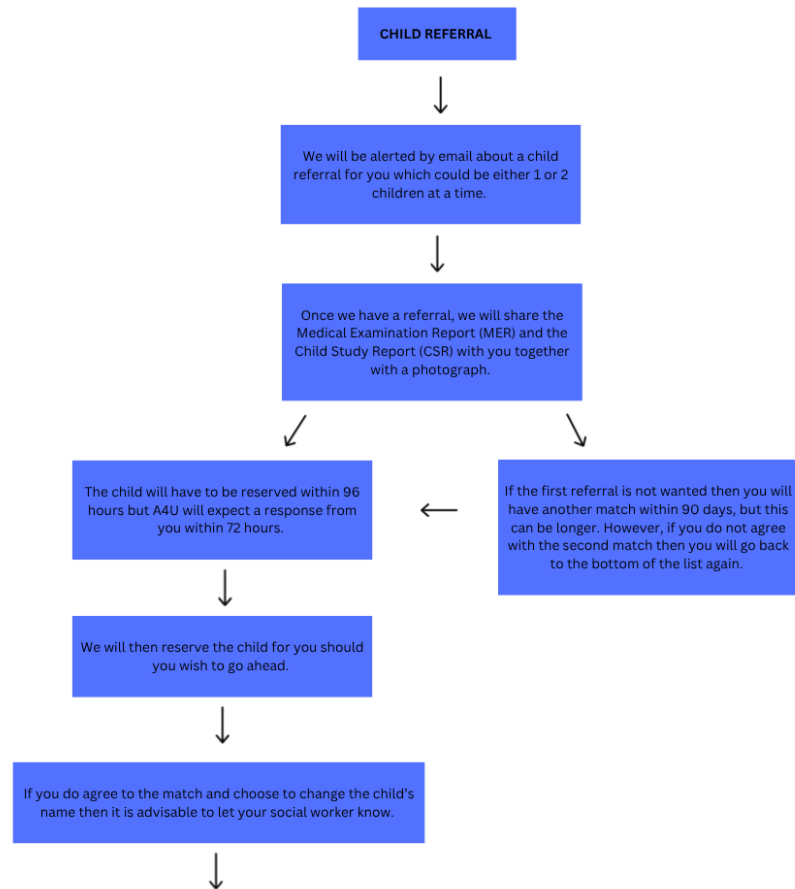


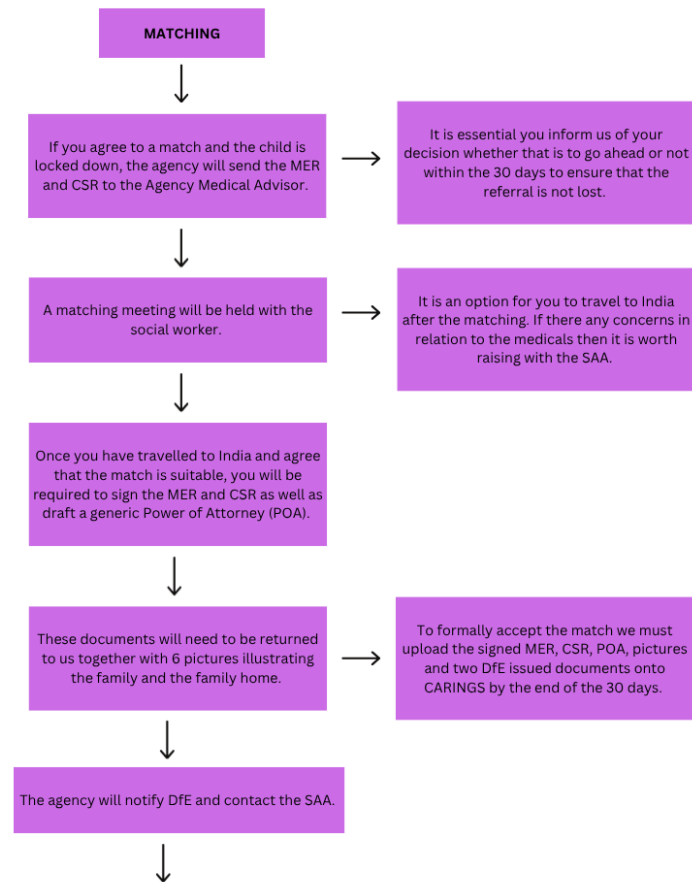


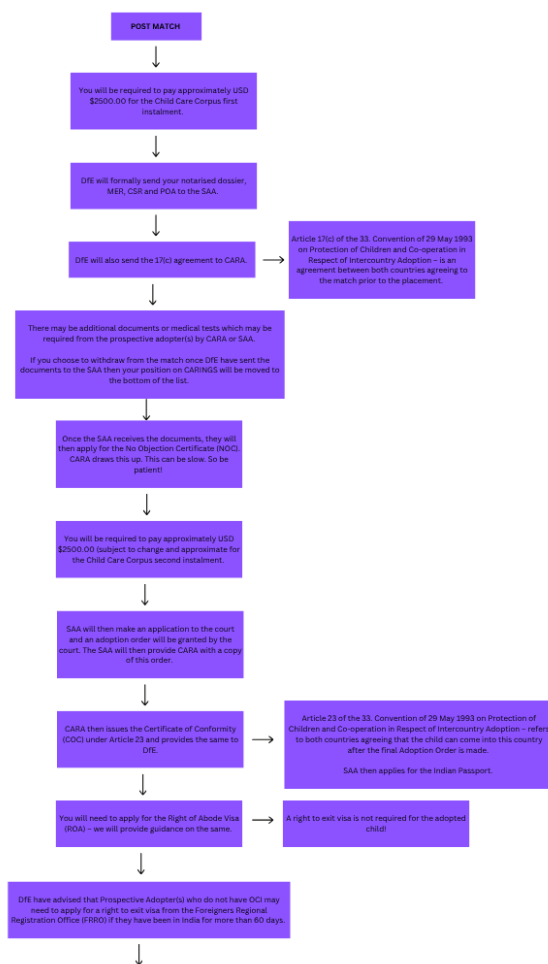












RETURN TO THE UK



Once you have returned to the UK an email must be sent to the agency and DfE within 3 days.



You must provide the agency with a copy of the adoption order.



The Social Worker will arrange a courtesy visit with you upon your return, generally within 7 days.



If on the adoption order there is a requirement for Post Placement Reports (PPRs) then these will be arranged. In addition please note that CARA require 6 PPRs which will be arranged with you upon your return.