

CAS Adoption Programs - Eligibility Comparison

Applicants with CAS must be believers in the basic Christian tenets	Domestic	Philippines Regular	Philippines Special Home Finding	Czech Republic
Length of Marriage	2 years	3 years	3 years	2 years
Singles accepted?	No	No	Single women for children who are older or have special needs	Yes for children who are older or have special needs
Number of Divorces allowed	1 each	2	2	2
Minimum age	25	27	27	27
Maximum age	45 <i>(case by case)</i>	45	Female Applicant: Not more than 45 years older than the child	Not more than 45 years older than the child
Minimum age difference between parents and child	25 years	16 years	16 years	16 years
Age of children available	Newborn	Healthy children 0-6 years	Healthy 7-15 Special needs 1-15 Sibling groups	2-7 years healthy or with special needs
Number of children in your home	2 <i>(more than 2, case by case)</i>	No more than 3	No limit, however child spacing and 2 year nurturance	No more than 2 <i>(The Czech Republic has a higher preference for childless couples.)</i>
Must maintain birth order?	Yes	Yes	Case by case	Yes
Can families specify gender?	Childless couples- no Families with children-yes	No	Yes	Yes
Can non-related children be adopted at the same time?	No	No	No	No
Minimum income	Case by case	\$40,000 and meet 125% of US poverty guidelines for number of people in the family	\$40,000 and meet 125% of US poverty guidelines for number of people in the family	meet 125% of US poverty guidelines for number of people in the family
Psychological evaluation	No	Yes- MMPI-2-RF and NEO-PI-R	Yes- MMPI-2-RF and NEO-PI-R	Yes - for dossier
BMI	No requirement	Under 35	Under 35	No requirement
Dossier for International	N/A	Translated: No Notarization: Yes Apostille: No	Translated: No Notarization: Yes Apostille: No	Translated: Yes Notarization: Yes Apostille: Yes
Travel Time	Travel to admittance meeting, in-service training, and travel/possible overnight stay for placement	1 trip, 7 days; Strongly preferred that both parents travel, some exceptions.	1 trip, 7 days; Strongly preferred that both parents travel, some exceptions.	1 trip, 6-8 weeks; Both parents must travel.
Guardianship/Finalized	Finalized in NC or SC	Guardianship/Finalized approximately 12 months after placement	Guardianship/ Finalization approximately 12 months after placement	Guardianship/ Finalization approximately 8-12 months after placement
Post Placement/Post Adoption Reports Required	Visits: 2 weeks, 2 months Reports: 3 reports over 6 months	4 reports over 8 months	4 reports over 8 months	3 reports over 6 months to finalize. Post adoption reports every 3 years until child turns 18