

**Please Note:**

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The CCAA first accepts and reviews adoption applications of foreign adopters who are qualified with the following conditions, starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

- I. The adopters are a couple of one male and one female with a stable marital relationship. In the case of a no previous marriages, the length of the current marriage must be at least two years. In the case of previous marriages (no more than two), the length of the current marriage must be at least five years.
- II. Both the husband and wife have reached the age of 30 years and are under 50. For adoption of special needs children, both should have reached the age of 30 and are under 55.
- III. Both the husband and wife are fully healthy physically and mentally, and do not have the following conditions:
  - a. AIDS
  - b. Mental handicap
  - c. Infectious disease within infective stage
  - d. Binocular blind or binocular parallax, or monocular blind with no ocular prosthesis
  - e. Binaural hearing loss or language function loss. The adoption of special needs children who have identical conditions will be exempt from this limitation
  - f. afunction or dysfunction of limbs or trunk caused by impairment, incompleteness, numbness or deformation or sever facial disformation
  - g. severe diseases which require long term treatment and which affect life expectancy, like malignant tumor, lupus etythematosus, nephrosis, epilepsy, etc.
  - h. post surgery of major organ transplantation for a period of less than ten years
  - i. schizophrenia
  - j. medicated for severe mental disorders, like depression, mania or anxiety neurosis that has not been discontinued for two years.
  - k. BMI greater than or equal to 40
- IV. Either the husband or wife holds a stable occupation. The family annual income is \$10,000 for each family member, including the prospective adoptee and the family net assets value should reach \$80,000. The family annual income does not include welfare income, like relief funds, pensions, unemployment insurances or government subsidies, etc.
- V. Both the husband and wife have received education of or above the level of high school or the equivalent vocational skills.
- VI. The number of children in the family that are under the age of eighteen years does not reach five. The youngest child should have reached the age of one.

Adoption of special needs children will be exempt from the number of children in the family under 18.

- VII. Both the husband and wife have never come under any criminal sanction. They behave honorably and with good moral characters, abide by regulations and laws. Both do not accord with the following situations:
- a. Have a history of domestic violence, sex abuse, abandonment or abuse of children (even if they are not consequently arrested or incriminated)
  - b. Have a history of taking narcotics such as opium, morphine, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamines, and prescribed medication for mental diseases which have potential for abuse.
  - c. Have a history of alcohol abuse within ten years.
  - d. Adoption applications will be given consideration on a case by case basis when either the husband or wife has less than three less severe criminal records without a severe criminal outcome that have expired within ten years or less than 5 traffic violations without severe outcomes.
- VIII. The adopters are able to fully understand the adoption, and expect to provide a warm family for the orphaned children (or children with handicaps and disabilities) via adoption and meet all of the developmental needs of the children adopted. They are fully mentally prepared for the potential risks within inter-country and are fully prepared for situations such as potential diseases, developmental delay, post-placement maladjustment, etc.
- IX. The adopters make in the adoption application letter clear promises of being able to accept post-placement follow-ups and offer post-placement reports as required.
- X. The fixed number of years and ages shall be dated when the adoption documents are logged in at the CCAA.

The CCAA sincerely expects to cooperate with you and to provide better services for the adopters and children adopted and to help the Chinese children adopted develop in a family full of happiness, love and understanding. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

The CCAA is responsible for the interpretation of this letter. If you have any specific questions, please contact the Adopter's Eligibility Review Department. The contact persons are: Zhang Huijie, and Gou Yongmei. They can be reached at 65548815, 65548819. The fax number is 65548824.

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