

## Djibouti Eligibility Requirements



In addition to U.S. immigration requirements, you must also meet the following requirements in order to adopt a child from Djibouti:

- **RESIDENCY** :Prospective adoptive parents must be physically present in Djibouti at the time of the proposed adoption, but need not be residents. The child must be both physically present and a resident of Djibouti.
- **AGE OF ADOPTING PARENTS**:Prospective adoptive parents must be at least 25 years of age and must be at least 15 years older than the child. If the prospective adoptive parent is a relative, he/she need only be 21 years old. The prospective adoptive parent(s) must also be morally and physically sound, as determined by the Government of Djibouti.
- **MARRIAGE**: Prospective adoptive parents do not need to be married in order to complete the adoption process. Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered, or intersex (LGBTI) individuals adopting as individuals or couples are not eligible to adopt in Djibouti.
- **INCOME**: Djiboutian law does not stipulate any specific income requirements; only that prospective adoptive parents should demonstrate that they have a steady, monthly income.
- **OTHER**: Djiboutian Sharia law only allows for adoption of Djiboutian national children within a family or clan. Adoption of Djiboutian children by non-family members is not permitted. It is unclear whether the Government of Djibouti would allow non-Muslim prospective parents to adopt a child that was born to Muslim biological parents - this has been historically prohibited.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/Intercountry-Adoption/Intercountry-Adoption-Country-Information/Djibouti.html>