

Iran Eligibility Requirements



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

- **Residency:** Prospective adoptive parents who intend to acquire legal custody/guardianship for children in Iran must reside in Iran and they are required to be physically present in the country for fingerprinting and medical examinations. In addition, there is a six month probationary period and one of the parents may need to stay with the child during this period.
- **Age of Adopting Parents:** One of the prospective adoptive parents must be at least 30 years old.
- **Marriage:** The prospective adoptive couple must be married for at least five years with no children. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transsexual couples/individuals cannot acquire legal custody/guardianship of an orphan in Iran. Single women can only obtain guardianship of female children in Iran. Single men cannot acquire legal custody/guardianship of children in Iran.
- **Income:** The prospective adoptive couple is expected to have sufficient financial capacity to support the child.
- **Other:** Muslim and Christian prospective adoptive couples must have no criminal records, no addiction to drugs or alcohol and no diseases that are difficult to cure. If the couple is able to submit a medical report to prove that at least one of the spouses is incapable of conceiving, the court may exempt them from the requirements of five years of marriage and one of the parents being at least 30 years old.

Iranian law allows a regional Family Affairs Branch Committee to waive requirements such as residency or age under exceptional circumstances.

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