

Laos Eligibility Requirements



In addition to being found suitable and eligible to adopt by USCIS, prospective adoptive parents seeking to adopt a child from Laos must meet the following requirements:

- **Minimum Residency:** Before they receive a final adoption, PAPs must complete six months of residency with the child in Laos.
- **Age of Adopting Parents:** A foreign PAP must be between the ages of 30 and 50. These rules also apply in cases where a Lao national PAP is married to a foreigner, regardless of where they reside.
- **Marriage:** Both married and single individuals are able to adopt.
- **Minimum Income:** While there are no specific income requirements, prospective adoptive parents have to submit evidence of their ability to financially support the child. There are no specific documents required, but may include a job letter or copies of bank statements.
- **Other requirements:** Lao law does not specify whether lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, or intersex persons or same-sex couples can adopt.

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