

# Lebanon Eligibility Requirements



To bring an adopted child to United States from Lebanon, you must be found eligible to adopt by the U.S. Government. The U.S. Government agency responsible for making this determination is the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

In addition to these U.S. requirements for prospective adoptive parents, Lebanon also has the following requirements for prospective adoptive parents:

- **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** There are no residency requirements for prospective adoptive parents in Lebanon.
- **AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Prospective adoptive parents must be at least 40 years of age. In addition, the age difference between the prospective adoptive parents and the child must be at least 18 years. In Armenian Orthodox adoptions, the minimum age difference is 15 years.
- **MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS:** Both married and single individuals may adopt from Lebanon. If married, the consent of both prospective adoptive parents is needed.
- **INCOME REQUIREMENTS:** While there are no specific income requirements, prospective adoptive parents must provide their financial status as part of the home study.
- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** Other requirements for adoption include:
  - ❖ In the case of a Catholic child, at least one of the prospective adoptive parents must be Catholic.
  - ❖ The adoptive parent(s) must not have any legal child and could not hope to have children of their own based on medical reports issued by specialists.
  - ❖ The adoptive parents and the child must belong to the same religious community, but not necessarily the same rite for the Catholic Church in general.
  - ❖ Prospective adoptive parents must have a clean criminal record and general good behavior.

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