

Morocco Eligibility Requirements



In addition to U.S. immigration requirements, you must also meet the following requirements in order to acquire Kafala guardianship of a child from Morocco for the purpose of emigration and obtaining a full and final adoption in the U.S.:

- **Residency:** Although residency is not a legal requirement under the Kafala law (an argument some courts used in approving Kafalas), a 2012 Ministry of Justice circular ordered prosecutors to request evidence of residency when processing guardianship requests. Evidence of residency may be required at any stage of the Kafala proceedings, and may differ from city to city and court to court. For example, a prosecutor may require it before sending the case to court, or a court may seek proof before considering the case. It is recommended that prospective adoptive parents consult with an attorney in Morocco about residency requirements.
- **Age of Adopting Parents:** Prospective adoptive parents must be at least 25 years of age.
- **Marriage:** Prospective adoptive parents must either be a single female or a married couple. Morocco does not recognize same sex marriages or domestic partnerships.
- **Income:** The Government of Morocco requires that people seeking legal guardianship of Moroccan children be employed.
- **Religion:** Prospective adoptive parents of Moroccan children must be Muslim.
- **Other:** Prospective adoptive parents must have a letter from a doctor practicing in Morocco indicating that they are in good mental and physical health and capable of caring for an adopted child.

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