

Rwanda Eligibility Requirements



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

- **Minimum Residency:** Prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) who have been matched with a child must go to Rwanda within three months of the date of the approval of the match in order to fulfill legal requirements.
- **Age of Adopting Parents:** A prospective adoptive parent must be at least 21 years old and should be at least seven years older than the child being adopted. The Minister may reduce the difference in ages in cases of relative adoptions.
- **Marriage:** There is no requirement to be married.
- **Minimum Income:** The prospective adoptive parent must have sufficient resources to meet the duties arising from adoption.
- **Other requirements:** Prospective adoptive parents should not have been sentenced by courts for violation of the rights of children, rape of a minor, trafficking in minors, domestic violence, genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, or other serious crimes. They should not have been deprived of parental authority. They should not have an illness which might compromise the welfare of the child. They must be able to provide a permanent address.

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