

WHO ARE CHILDREN THAT MAY BE SUBJECT OF INTER-
COUNTRY ADOPTION
UNDER THE CAMBODIAN LAW ?

(ADOPTED CHILD)

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**What kind of children can be subject to inter-country
adoption?**

Children that may be subject of ICA shall meet all the conditions
below:

- 1.1 The child is of Cambodian nationality:
- 1.2. who permanently resides in the Kingdom of Cambodia;

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Age

2- Below 8 years old at the date of receipt of the application for adoption.

Exception:

- children in need of special care, and
- children having several siblings.

Children in need of special care:

- children having severe physical disabilities, or
- children having mental disabilities, or
- children having chronic illnesses.

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Guardian

State children (Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation - MoSVY):

3.1- residing in an orphanage, or

3.2- residing in placement that is under the supervision of MoSVY,
e.g. In community

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Parental power holders

4.1- Under:

- guardianship
 - parental power holder
- “who is in extremely difficult circumstances”.

4.2- Extremely difficult circumstances: to be determined by MoSVY.

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Being declared adoptable

5- The child has been declared adoptable.

- Competent ministry to do the declaration: MoSVYY
- Criteria of declaration:
 - a- after exerting all possible efforts to return the child back to her/his biological family
 - b- cannot be reunited to family
 - c- after exerting all possible efforts to place the child for domestic adoption
 - d- having considered the eligibility of the child for ICA
 - e- placed into the register of children determined to be eligible for ICA.

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