

**WHO CAN BE AN ADOPTER TO
ADOPT CAMBODIAN CHILD THROUGH
INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION**

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WHO ARE THE ADOPTERS?

- Adopters = applicants to adopt a child
= prospective adoptive parents

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THE ADOPTERS IN CAMBODIAN LAW

- **Adopters:**
 - Husband + Wife
 - in search of adopting a child.
- **Adoptive parents:**
 - Husband + Wife
 - having legally received the rights to be the new parents of the child.
- **A couple (husband and wife)**
 - Man + Woman
 - having legal marital ties.

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WHO CANNOT ADOPT A CHILD IN CAMBODIA

- Single, widow, widower
- Concubines
- Lesbian/homosexual women and Gay/homosexual men) 1

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THE CONDITIONS OF THE ADOPTERS

Adopters shall have to fulfill 9 conditions :

1- Adopters who are husband and wife :

- be 30 years old at least, and
- older than the child (younger not allowed):
 - a- 22 years at least
 - b- 45 years in maximum

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THE EXCEPTION TO AGE CONDITIONS

2- In case adopters do not meet the conditions, but the adoption meets the best interests of the child, adoption may be authorized:

- adopters are of Cambodian origin
- seek to adopt the child of her/his spouse, or
- seek to adopt a child in need of special care, or
- circumstances which serve the best interest of the child.

3- In case of a couple adopters: shall adopt together

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THE ADOPTERS

- 4- The law of the adopters' country allow full adoption.**
- 5- The adopters' country of nationality has diplomatic relations with Cambodia.**
- 6- The adopters fulfill the eligibility conditions for adoption according to the laws of their country of permanent residence.**
- 7- The adopters are free from any sentence or legal action for misconduct.**
- 8- Be capable of providing care and necessary support.**
- 9- Have no child or only one in their charge.**