

**Note 9**

If you are applying to adopt alone and

- you have never been married/ had a civil partner, please complete paragraph (m);
- you are divorced, or your civil partnership has been dissolved, please complete paragraph (n) and attach a copy of the Decree Absolute or the Dissolution Order to your application;
- you are a widow or widower or a surviving civil partner, please complete paragraph (o) and attach the death certificate of your deceased husband, wife or civil partner to your application.

**Note 10**

If you are applying to adopt alone and you are married or you have a civil partner, you will need to satisfy the court that:

- your husband/wife or civil partner cannot be found, or
- you have separated from your husband/wife or civil partner, you are living apart, and the separation is likely to be permanent, or
- your husband/wife or civil partner is incapable of making an application due to physical or mental ill-health.

You must show on the application form which of these three grounds applies in your case by ticking the appropriate box.

You should attach your marriage certificate (or other evidence of marriage) or certificate of civil partnership (or other evidence of civil partnership) to your application, together with any other documentary evidence on which you propose to rely, such as a decree of official separation, or medical evidence of incapacity. You should also supply the name and address (if known) of your husband/wife or civil partner.

## Part 2 About the Child

**Note 11**

Where the UK is the State of origin, if the child has previously been adopted a certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register should be attached and not a certified copy of the full entry in the Register of Live Births.

Where the UK is the receiving State a certified copy of the child's original birth certificate, any abandonment certificate/declaration, or where the child has been adopted, a certified copy of the entry in the register of adoptions as recognised in the State of origin or a certified copy of the adoption certificate, should be attached.

Where you are unable to attach a certificate, enter the place (including the country) of the child's birth, if known.

No application may be made in respect of a person who is aged 18 or more at the time of the application.

**Note 12**

The court cannot make a Convention adoption order in relation to any person who is or has been married, or any person who is or has been a civil partner.

**Note 13**

Where the United Kingdom is the receiving state you must give notice of your intention to apply for a Convention adoption order to the local authority where you have your home or last had your home within 14 days beginning with the date on which the child enters the United Kingdom.

**Note 14**

If some person or body is liable to pay maintenance for the child under a court order, or a maintenance agreement or child support maintenance awarded under the Child Support Act 1991, give the name and address of the person or body liable to pay. In the case of a maintenance order, give the name of the court and the date the order was made; otherwise, give the date of the maintenance agreement or child support maintenance award.

If possible, you should attach a copy of any maintenance order or a copy of the maintenance agreement or maintenance award to your application.

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