

Note 14

If the child you intend to take abroad for adoption was not placed with you for adoption by an adoption agency, you must notify in writing the local authority for the area in which you live of your intention to apply for an order for parental responsibility prior to adoption abroad. You must give the local authority notice of your intention not more than 2 years, and not less than 3 months, before the date of your application to the court.

Note 15

Give details of the name of the court that made the placement or freeing order, the nature of the order, the case number and the date the order was made.

You should attach a copy of the court order to your application.

Note 16

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 by the Child Support Agency, 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.

Note 17

If there are earlier, or current, court proceedings relating to the child you are intending to take abroad for adoption (for example, proceedings for a care order, a contact order, a parental responsibility order or a residence order), give the name of the court, the nature of the proceedings and the date and effect of any order made, or the date of the next hearing if proceedings are current. You do not need to repeat the details of any placement order, freeing order, or maintenance order or agreement you have already given.

If you were a party to any proceedings that have been completed, you should attach a copy of the final order to your application.

Important: if you have previously applied for an adoption order in respect of the same child and the order was refused, you will need to satisfy the court that there has been a change of circumstances since you last applied, or that there is some other reason why the court should hear your current application. Please set out your reasons for making this application on a separate sheet, explaining why you think the application should be heard. Please put the child's full name, the number of the Part and the paragraph reference at the head of the sheet and attach it to your application form.

Part 3 About the child's parent(s) or guardian

Note 18

If the child has previously been adopted, give the names of his/her adoptive parents, not those of his/her natural parents.

Note 19

If the child's parents were not married to each other or in a civil partnership at the time of his/her birth, the child's father or other parent may have parental responsibility because

- the child's father and the child's mother have married since the child was born;
- the child's other parent and child's mother have entered into a civil partnership since the child was born;
- the child's father or other parent has a parental responsibility agreement with the mother, or has been granted a parental responsibility order, or;
- the child's father or other parent registered the child's birth jointly with the child's mother (since 1 December 2003)

Give details of any court order or agreement in respect of parental responsibility in paragraph (m) of Part 2 About the Child.