

Note 15

If there are earlier, or current, court proceedings relating to the child you are applying to adopt (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 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 16

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

Note 17

Where England and Wales is the State of origin, if the child's parents were not married to each other at the time of his/her birth, the child's father may have parental responsibility

- because he and the child's mother have married since the child was born;
- because he has a parental responsibility agreement with the mother, or has been granted a parental responsibility order, or
- because he 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 (I) of Part 2 About the Child.

Note 18

If the child has no guardian, enter 'not applicable'. Otherwise, enter the details of any person appointed to be the child's guardian by deed or will or otherwise in writing in accordance with section 5(5) of the Children Act 1989, or by an order made under section 5(1) or 14A of that Act. Where the United Kingdom is the receiving State please enter the name of any person who is regarded as the child's guardian by the Convention country. If the child has more than one guardian, please give the name and address of any other guardian(s) on a separate sheet, putting the child's full name, the number of the Part and the paragraph reference at the head of the sheet.

Note 19

In the case of an application for a Convention adoption order the consents of the persons, institutions and authorities whose consents are necessary for adoption, must be obtained prior to the child entering the United Kingdom. Confirmation of this should be included in the Article 16 information received from the Central Authority of the child's State of origin.