

APPLICATION FOR A DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND SUITABILITY

PURSUANT TO SECTION 37(1) OF THE ADOPTION ACT 2010

1. I, the undersigned, hereby apply to the Adoption Authority of Ireland for the issuance of a Declaration of Eligibility and Suitability pursuant to Section 37(1)(b) of the Adoption Act 2010, in accordance with an assessment carried out by the Child and Family Agency / Tusla or an Accredited Body on its behalf.

* I propose to effect an adoption in Ireland and I will subsequently apply to the Adoption Authority of Ireland for an Adoption Order.

OR

* I propose to effect an adoption in (name country here) _____ and I will subsequently apply to the Adoption Authority of Ireland for the Recognition of an Intercountry Adoption effected in that country.

2. I understand that it is an offence under Section 146 of the Adoption Act 2010 to,

- (a) knowingly make any false or misleading statement or furnish any false or misleading information, or
- (b) aid or abet another person to make any false or misleading statement or furnish any false or misleading information

to the Authority, an Accredited Body or a person acting on behalf of either of them.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

* Place a tick in ONE box only

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STATUTORY DECLARATION

Please complete the Statutory Declaration section of this application in the presence of a Notary Public, Commissioner for Oaths, Peace Commissioner or any other person authorised by law to take and receive statutory declarations.

As some sections comprise of multiple choice questions please read carefully and indicate which statement is true in regard to your application.

In the matter of an application for a Declaration of Eligibility and Suitability pursuant to Section 37 of the Adoption Act 2010.

I _____
of _____

and aged 21 years and upwards do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. I am habitually resident in Ireland.

2. I make this application as a person who:-

(Place a tick in ONE box only)

Is a sole applicant.

OR

Is applying as a step parent who is married to / civil partnered to / co-habiting* with (name) _____, the parent of the child I wish to adopt.

OR

Is one of a married couple / civil partnership / co-habiting couple*, applying together with (name) _____.

3. Has not been previously married / civil partnered* **(Place a tick in boxes as appropriate)**

OR

Has been previously married / civil partnered* to (name) _____, I beg to refer to the certificate of my said previous marriage / civil partnership* (upon which, marked with the letter "A", I have endorsed my name prior to the making of this declaration) **or** (which has been previously submitted to the Adoption Authority of Ireland)*.

AND

Beg to refer to the (i) deed of separation, (ii) a decree of judicial separation, (iii) dissolution of civil partnership or (iv) a decree of divorce (upon which, marked with the letter "B", I have endorsed my name prior to the making of this declaration) **or** (which has been previously submitted to the Adoption Authority of Ireland)*.

OR

My said spouse / civil partner* (name) _____
died on the _____ day of _____ of the year _____
and I beg to refer to the certificate of death (upon which marked with the
letter "C", I have endorsed my name prior to the declaring hereof) **or** (which
has been previously submitted to the Adoption Authority of Ireland)*.

I say that the said _____
named on the certificate of marriage / civil partnership* (marked "A") and
the certificate of death (marked "C") are one and the same person and that I,
this declarant, am one and the same person as named on the said marriage
certificate (marked "A").

4. I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing same to be true and by virtue of
the Statutory Declaration Act, 1938 for the benefit of the Adoption Authority of Ireland on
my/our application for a Declaration of Eligibility and Suitability by the said Adoption
Authority of Ireland pursuant to Section 37 of the Adoption Act 2010.

Declared before me by _____
(name of declarant), who is personally known to me (or who is identified to me by

who is personally known to me), at _____

on this _____ day of _____ of the year _____

Signature _____

Description (*a) _____

** Delete as appropriate and initial all deletions*

(*a) This declaration may be made before a Notary Public, a Commissioner for Oaths, a
Peace Commissioner or other person authorised by law to take and receive statutory
declarations.

PERSONAL DETAILS (PLEASE PRINT)

Forename(s): _____ Relationship Status:
(As per Birth Certificate or Deed Poll) Single

Surname(s): _____ Civil Marriage
(As per Birth/Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate or Deed Poll) Civil Partnership

Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ Co-Habiting

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

First Application: Yes No Previous AAI Reference No(s): _____

Tel. Home: _____ Tel. Work: _____ Tel. Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

CHECKLIST (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CHILD AND FAMILY AGENCY)

Required in ALL instances

- Application Form
- Home Study Assessment Report
- LAC Recommendation (Form C8)
- Medical Report

I have reviewed and included all the required documentation in order for this application to proceed to the Adoption Authority of Ireland.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

TUSLA Child and Family Agency Adoption Services: _____