

Register of Intercountry Adoptions (RICA) Q&A

- What is an entry in the RICA?

The recognition of an 'intercountry adoption' or a 'foreign adoption' by the Irish State

- Who can apply for entry?

The adopted person, a person by whom the adopted person was adopted and any other person having an interest in the matter

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Those not covered by above criteria.

- What kind of entries are refused?

- Adoptions, the effects of which are not broadly similar to those of an Irish domestic adoption.
- Adoptions abroad by persons resident in Ireland who have not been issued with a Declaration of Eligibility & Suitability to Adopt.
- Adoptions by persons living abroad but whose adoptions are not Hague Convention adoptions or where those persons are not habitually resident in the country where the adoption was effected

- What are the main proofs required in order to review an application?

An adoption document that bears the seal of the court or other authority of that country, for example an original court order or a certified-copy-of-an-entry of an adoption. The AAI may also request proof of marital status, proof of residency status and other relevant documents such as an affidavit-of-laws.