

# HOPE ADOPTION SERVICES

## FEE SCHEDULE

Effective July 1, 2008, subject to change  
Upon approval of Director of Adoptions

### **A. Adoptions Within British Columbia**

<b>1. Preparation and Approval Process</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
includes providing information, orientation , application process, educational seminar, homestudy approval (a)	
<b>2. Planning and Pre-Placement</b> (placing on “active” list)	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
includes support for services to all birthparents, counselling of “your” birth parents, providing support, information and guidance to you prior to selection and placement, selection process, discussions, meetings, post-birth pre- placement services	
<b>3. Placement and Post Placement</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>
includes placement facilitation (hospital preparation, medical check of child, visitation in interim care home, meetings with birth family, etc.), consent documentation and arranging consents for, the birth mother, arranging/mediating/drafting openness agreement, transfer of custody, legal/administrative process (e.g. notify Public Trustee, Notice of Placement, notify Child Tax Credit office, send copy of completed file to Adoption section, etc.), communications with your lawyer, post-placement visits and report to court	
<b>ADOPTION SERVICES TOTAL (b)</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>

### **NOTES:**

(a) *If you have had a prior homestudy, you will need a subsequent homestudy. See **Appendix 1** for definitions and minimum fees for revisions and updates to homestudies.*

(b) *These are agency fees payable by adoptive applicants. The fees are non-refundable except for exceptional circumstances in the discretion of the agency administrator. Expenses for travel (mileage is currently \$.50/km + travel time), airfares, medical or hospital charges, interim child care, lawyers fees for birth father & mother, consents, photographs, meals, etc. relating to the birthparents or child, incurred on your behalf are additional (plus 12% administrative fee) and may be payable even if a placement fails. You may also incur charges of your own such as legal fees to complete the adoption in court.*

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### **B. Inter-Country and Inter-Provincial Adoptions**

1. **Preparation and Approval Process** **\$ 3,000.00**  
includes providing information, orientation seminar,  
application process, educational seminar, homestudy (a), and approval for placement (b)
  
2. **Planning and Pre-Placement (Intercountry fees)** **\$ 2,000.00**  
The Agency's planning and pre-placement services for inter-  
country and interprovincial adoptions varies depending on to  
the country and type of adoption, use of consultants, etc. **\$ 8,000.00**  
Hence the wide variation in fees. (c) (see also Appendix 2)
  
3. **Placement and Post Placement** **minimum** **\$ 300.00**  
The Agency's role at this stage also varies greatly from case to case.  
The minimum is to obtain from you a copy of your foreign final  
adoption order and then provide a complete copy of your completed  
adoption file to the Adoption Section in accordance with the regula-  
tions. Some countries require post-placement reports (minimum of  
\$300.00 each) from your agency for periods up to 5 years..(c)

### **C. Miscellaneous Services**

1. Direct Placement Services (d) **\$9,000.00**
2. Older Child Interview and Court Report **\$ 300.00**
3. Appraisal and Transfer of Existing Homestudy (e) **\$ 350.00**
4. Annual Maintenance Fee (includes update of homestudy – see Appendix 1) **\$ 350.00**

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- (c) All licensed agencies in B.C. are non-profit societies charging fees to recover their costs of operating and delivering mandated services. The fees are approved by the Director of Adoption in Victoria. The process for approval to bring a child into the province to complete an adoption here differs from the processes to complete adoptions in other countries. Some jurisdictions require a number of post-placement reports before or even after legal completion of the adoption. Depending on the adoption plan you are pursuing, we will work out appropriate fees with you. You will also incur charges of your own such as immigration fees, foreign travel, translators, interpreters, court fees, legal fees, and medicals for yourself and the child(ren).
- (d) This fee is for legally mandated services to birth parents and adoptive parents **before** placement of a child directly by the birth parent and for post-placement follow-up and court report.
- (e) We will appraise your previous homestudy to ensure it meets current legal requirements, was prepared by an approved social worker, and suits the child being requested. If the appraisal determines that you need a new homestudy, half the appraisal fee will be deducted from the relevant homestudy fee (see Appendix 1).

# APPENDIX 1

## Types of Homestudies Available

	<u>Minimum Fee</u>
<p>1. <b><u>Initial Homestudy</u></b></p> <p>This is both an assessment and an educational process designed to help adoptive applicants understand their capacity to accept and parent a child not born to them. The time involved will vary from 3 to 6 months and the actual number of interview hours will depend on the type of adoption considered and the needs of the adoptive applicants. The Educational Component is included.</p>	\$ 3,000
<p>2. <b><u>Subsequent Homestudy</u></b></p> <p>This is a homestudy done subsequent to an initial homestudy. A second homestudy will be required if the family has received a placement or has had a biological child since the original homestudy was completed. A second homestudy will be required if a significant period of time has passed and/or there were significant changes in the family's situation since the original homestudy was completed.</p>	\$ 1,500
<p>3. <b><u>Addendum to Homestudy</u></b></p> <p>Significant changes (other than the placement or a birth of a child into the family) have occurred in the family or significant time has passed since the original homestudy was completed. Examples of things that would require an addendum: family moving or another person living with the family.</p>	\$ 500
<p>4. <b><u>Standard Annual Homestudy Update</u></b> (completion of update form sent to applicants)</p> <p>This is the annual update as required by the regulations. Depending on the number of changes needed, this fee may vary.</p>	\$350
<p>5. <b><u>Additional Homestudy Updates</u></b> (when applicants request changes due to change of country, etc.</p>	\$350

**NOTE:** These definitions and minimum fees have been agreed by the Director of Adoption and the administrators of all licensed agencies in order to provide consistency.

## APPENDIX 2

### Intercountry Fees

With experience, we have discovered that each country varies in what is required of an adoptive applicant. It can be quite complicated to assess these differing requirements as they may fluctuate, need deciphering and in some cases demand a history with the process to be able to interpret accurately. We offer our expertise in dealing with over 20 countries in the past 12 years. Common adoption destinations have been ranked as to the fee required for that country. If the country desired is not listed, please consult with Hope Services. On the Fee Schedule, the Pre-Placement Services (Intercountry Fees) are listed as ranging from \$2,000 - \$8,000. Please see below for details as to where your country currently fits into this range.

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Important - Please note:

- Translation of documents and Embassy authentication fee varies with each country and are not included in fees listed below (unless specified).
  - The intercountry fee is for pre-placement services only. The post-placement requirements and reports vary with each country. They are paid separately after the child(ren) is placed.
  - Beginning a new process with a second country will require a second intercountry fee.
  - **Included courier fees are for one-time sending of the dossier and acceptance of proposal. Sending changes to your documentation, revisions, etc. will be billed extra.**
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#### \$2,500

**USA**

**China**

Includes standard intercountry services and involves forwarding of documents to the appropriate agency and courier service (see above).

#### \$2,800

**Ethiopia**

**Zambia**

Includes standard intercountry services and involves assembling of documents, facilitating notarization, preparing copies and courier service (see above).

#### \$3,000

**Colombia**

**Ecuador**

**Peru**

**Ukraine**

**Philippines**

**Thailand**

**Jamaica**

**Latvia**

**India**

Includes standard intercountry services and involves assembling of documents, facilitating notarization, preparing documents for DFAIT (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) and the appropriate Embassy, preparing copies and courier service (see above)..

#### \$3,400

**Haiti**

Includes standard intercountry services and involves assembling documents, facilitating translation (Haiti), facilitating notarization, preparing documents for DFAIT and appropriate Embassy, preparing copies and courier service (see above). Translation fee for Haiti is included.

## **Standard Intercountry Services**

These services include but are not limited to the following:

- Provide consultation throughout the process and apply our expertise to: choosing a country, eligibility requirements, assistance with compiling documents, special situations and being available to client for clarification and support.
- The services include courier transport, legal notarization of documents, extensive photocopying, providing appropriate documents to client throughout process; and for some countries, translation services.
- Provide, as needed, specific documentation to assist client in both regular and unique situations.
- Assemble dossier as per country requirements.
- Coordinate dossier travel through DFAIT, foreign Embassy, Provincial government and foreign agency/government body.
- Follow established protocol and engage in considerable communication with facilitators both in Canada and authorities in the foreign country.
- Certify all information to the provincial adoption branch and request required documents throughout process.
- Confirm our legal authority to do adoption and approve adoptive applicants as required.
- Assist with Immigration process, confirm approval and provide this information to appropriate parties.
- Receive and review the "child proposal" and all available medical and personal information from foreign agency, ensure proposal complies with regulations, deal with complications arising out of non-compliance, discuss child proposed with client, advise on the information provided and explain documents for acceptance.
- Provide liaison with BC government and/or foreign country regarding acceptance of proposal, or if required request further information.
- Establish that all parties are following protocol and appropriate requirements are being completed at each step to make certain that the child(ren) will be able to enter Canada.
- Direct client in procedure for obtaining LONO/Hague Approval and ensure all steps are adhered to, culminating in a request being made by Hope Services to our provincial government that an official LONO/Hague Approval be given to the Canadian Embassy in the country where the child resides allowing the child(ren) to enter Canada.
- Confer travel advice ensuring that travel plans, obligations in the foreign country and arrival home are in compliance with government purposes.
- Obtain finalization documents and submit copy of completed file to Adoption Branch in Victoria for permanent storage maintaining compliance to final step.