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APPLYING FOR AN ADOPTION CERTIFICATE BY MAIL

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. An adoption certificate can **only** be provided for persons who were **adopted** in Trinidad and Tobago.
2. This document is issued by the Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Legal Affairs in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and are now computerized (effective December 2015).
3. If the adoptee was **NOT** born in Trinidad and Tobago, a letter from the Children's Authority (formerly Adoption Board of Trinidad and Tobago) is also **required** to accompany the adoption certificate from Registrar General's Department. This can be applied for through the Consulate General as well.
4. **ALL** fees are to be paid by **Money Order only** and made payable to "**Consulate General of Trinidad and Tobago**" (No Checks or Cash accepted).
5. The cost for obtaining an adoption certificate through this Consulate General is \$11.00 (\$6.00 for the certificate and \$5.00 for the service charge).
For example:
 - a. One Certificate costs \$11 (\$6 certificate fee + \$5 service fee)
 - b. Two Certificates costs \$17 (\$12 certificate fee + \$5 service fee)
6. The certificate(s) **MUST** be collected from the Consulate General within three (3) years from the date of application. After three (3) years the certificate(s) will be destroyed.
7. Kindly ensure that the application is complete. The following **will** cause delays in processing the application:-
 - No signature on forms
 - Photocopies are not clear
 - Handwriting is difficult to read
 - Incorrect fees submitted
 - Incorrect information on the form
 - Mailed in applications are **not** notarized
 - No photo ID is provided or the photo ID is expired or unusable
8. The parent/Third Party **must** apply for the computerized adoption certificate for persons under 18 years of age.
9. An Apostille can be requested on the certificate at no additional cost, at the time of submission of the application.

B. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR AN ADOPTION CERTIFICATE BY MAIL

1. Two (2) completed Authorization Forms (must be notarized).
2. Two (2) completed Adoption Application Forms.
3. Two (2) completed "Authorization to Request Attachment for Adoption Certificate". **This form/letter should only be completed if the adoptee was NOT born in Trinidad and Tobago.**
4. Two (2) notarized copies of one **VALID** photo identification (ID), (Example: Driver's License, State Identification Card, Alien Registration Card, Passport or Certificate of Citizenship from Trinidad and Tobago **or** US).
5. Two (2) notarized copies of relevant documentation where the applicant has undertaken a name change e.g. Marriage Certificate, Deed Poll, Divorce document, court name change document etc.
6. A money order for fees (see **Section A4 and A5** above).
7. Two (2) photocopies of a previous adoption certificate **IF** you have it. Providing a copy of the previous adoption certificate normally speeds up the application process.
8. To have the certificate(s) mailed to you, include postage fees or a prepaid envelope (see **Section D**).

C. APPLICATION PROCESS

1. On receipt of the completed application and fees the certificate is ordered through the Registrar General's Department online.
2. The adoption record is checked for errors, printed in Trinidad and mailed to the Consulate General in New York. This process takes **approximately** eight (8) weeks.
3. Adoption Certificate(s) which require the **accompanying letter** from the Children's Authority (children who were **NOT** born in Trinidad and Tobago), upon receipt of the certificate a certified copy is sent to the Authority for the letter to be prepared. This process takes a **further** three (3) to four (4) weeks.
4. Applicants are also **encouraged** to check on the status of the adoption certificate with the Consulate General via the following:-
 - by contacting the officers at 212-682-7272 x 1106 or 1124
 - by sending an email to cgnycertificates@foreign.gov.tt

D. RETURN MAILING OPTIONS (Choose one)

Fees are paid by **MONEY ORDER ONLY** and made payable to "Consulate General of Trinidad and Tobago". Individual money orders must be made for each application.

(i) Postage via FedEx:

- (a) 2 days shipping - **Twenty Dollars (\$20.00)**
- (b) Next day/Saturday Shipping - **Thirty Dollars (\$30.00)**

OR

- (ii) Mail a **PREPAID RETURN** Envelope and select the "**ENSURE SIGNATURE UPON DELIVERY**" option



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APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION CERTIFICATE

SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name : Last Name:

Address :

Telephone : (Home) (Cell):

E-mail :

Valid I.D. : (Type, number, place of issue, expiration date)

SECTION B - DETAILS OF ADOPTION

Adoptee's Given Name(s):

Adoptee's Last Name:

Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Place of Birth: (Hospital/Town)

Date of Adoption Order: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Name of Adopter (Mother):

Name of Adopter (Father):

Date:

Signature:



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AUTHORISATION TO REQUEST A COMPUTERIZED CERTIFICATE

Type of Certificate: Birth Certificate [] Adoption Certificate []

SECTION A - APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name : Last Name:

Address :

Telephone : (Home) (Cell):

E-mail :

Valid I.D. : (Type, number, place of issue, expiration date)

SECTION B - AUTHORIZATION

Apostille Stamp Yes []/No []

I, hereby authorize the Consulate General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in New York to request on my behalf, a Computerized Certificate (first issue/ additional issue(s) from the Registrar General's Department in Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I. for myself / other (Name and relationship of other person).

Date:

Signature:

Notary Signature & Stamp:

(If applicable)

NB: This document must be NOTARIZED.

FOR OFFICIAL USE
Fee:
Receipt No.:
Date: