

Legal permanency adoption

Adopting a child through a licensed adoption agency.

There are costs to the applicant in applying, becoming approved, and being placed with a child for adoption. The timeframe from application to approval for adoption can vary from 3 to 12 months. The timeframe from approval to matching, placement and granting of an Adoption Order cannot be predicted.

To adopt a child, you must be an Alberta resident; be at least 18 years old; demonstrate financial and domestic stability; and be physically and mentally capable of parenting an adopted child.



1 Contact

- [Alberta \(AB\) Adoption Services](#)
- [licensed adoption agency](#)
- [Children's Services \(CS\) office](#)



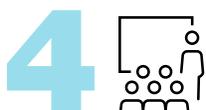
2 Decision

Attend information sessions where available and gather additional information to learn about the adoption process, the criteria to apply, and the steps to becoming approved.



3 Apply

Complete agency application, including Criminal Record Checks, Intervention Record Checks, and medical exams, and provide financial information and references.



4 Training

Complete training required as part of your approval for adoption.



5 Home study report

A home study writer is assigned to complete your home study report. The agency will provide a determination on your approval.



6 Wait for match

Once approved for adoption, you'll be eligible to be considered by expectant/birth parents as they select the adoptive parents for their child. When possible, a match meeting will be arranged so the birth and prospective adoptive parents can meet one another.

Note: There is no guarantee that you'll be selected by a birth parent.



7 Placed with a Child

For newborn placements, the licensed agency will meet with the birth parents to confirm their adoption plan after the baby is born. If proceeding with adoption, placement often occurs at the hospital. If the child is older, a transition plan will be developed.



8 Finalize

The licensed agency will work with you to prepare and file the court application, including visiting you in the home to prepare a post placement report. The granting of the Adoption Order is subject to court timelines and processes.



9 Post-adoption service

Adult adoptees, birth parents, birth family members and adoptive parents can access Alberta adoption records and information through the Post Adoption Registry (PAR).

Legend

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