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Timely Notification of Significant Changes for Hague Adoption Convention Processing

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services would like to remind you that it is important to timely inform us of any [significant changes](#) during your adoption process. While this information is applicable to all Convention countries, it is particularly important in countries like China that have not fully re-opened since the COVID-19 pandemic. Countries may resume processing of adoptions with little or no warning and failure to timely report significant changes to USCIS could delay and/or negatively impact the completion of your adoption process. For More information on the status of adoptions from China, see the [U.S. Department of State's website](#).

If you are adopting from a Convention country and already have an approved [Form I-800A, Application for Determination of Suitability to Adopt a Child from a Convention Country](#), please use [Form I-800A Supplement 3, Request for Action on Approved Form I-800A](#), to inform USCIS of any significant changes. You have an ongoing [duty to disclose](#) significant changes that happen within your household to USCIS and your home study preparer. This duty generally continues until the child is admitted to the United States with a visa.

Significant changes include, but are not limited to, changes in the following:

- Residence;
- Marital status;*
- Criminal history, abuse history, or other derogatory information;
- Significant decrease in financial resources;
- Household composition;
- A child in your home turning 18 and becoming an adult member of the household;
- Serious health conditions; and
- Characteristics of the child requested.

**Special rules apply if the significant change is a change in marital status. See the [Updated Home Studies and Significant Changes](#) page for information on the effect of a change in marital status at different points in the adoption process.*

If you fail to timely report significant changes, it may delay your ability to proceed with your adoption.

USCIS will process your significant change request under normal procedures unless we approve an expedite request. We process all expedite requests on a case-by-case basis and follow [USCIS expedite policy](#). If you have a pending Form I-800A, Supplement 3, or [Form I-800, Petition to Classify Convention Adoptee as an Immediate Relative](#), with the USCIS National Benefits Center (NBC) and would like to [request an expedite](#), email the NBC at nbc.adoptions@uscis.dhs.gov. Please put your SIM# and “Expedite Request” in the subject line and include documentation to support the reason(s) for your expedite request. Please note that receiving travel authorization or an invitation letter alone is not enough for us to expedite your case unless [other expedite criteria or circumstances](#) are present.

Additional Resources

Our [Updated Home Studies and Significant Changes](#) page and USCIS Policy Manual guidance: [Volume 5, Part B, Chapter 4 - Home Studies and Chapter 5 - Action on Pending or Approved Suitability Determinations](#) provide additional information on suitability validity, extensions, and updates due to a significant change.

For policy suggestions, we welcome feedback at policyfeedback@uscis.dhs.gov.

More Information

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