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**35247 SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT**

- (a) Agencies that provide intercountry adoption services shall submit the following information to the department for each adoptive placement of a foreign-born child:
- (1) Child's birth name and date of birth.
  - (2) Names of adoptive parents.
  - (3) Names of birth parents, if available.
  - (4) Name of foreign agency.
  - (5) Name of agency.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 10852, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Section 8900, Family Code.

**35249 REQUIREMENT FOR FEE SCHEDULE**

- (a) The agency shall establish a fee schedule for intercountry adoption services as required by Family Code Section 8907.

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- (1) Family Code Section 8907 reads as follows:

"The costs incurred by licensed adoption agency pursuant to programs established by this chapter shall be funded by fees charged by the agency for services required by this chapter. The agency's fee schedule is required to be approved by the department initially, and whenever it is altered."

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8900, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8900 and 8907, Family Code.

**35251 INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS CASE RECORD REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) The agency shall maintain a permanent record for each foreign-born child and/or family for whom the agency provides adoption services.
- (1) In addition to copies of all correspondence case records shall include:
- (A) Copies of all documents received from the foreign agency.
  - (B) Written Assessment of the Child as required by Section 35275 including a copy of the psychological and medical history form as required by Section 35285.
  - (C) Copy of written Background Information on Birth Parents as required by Subchapter 6, Article 5 including medical report on the mother of the child as required by Section 35289(a)(2)(B).
  - (D) Copy of written Assessment of the Applicant as required by Subchapter 6, Article 3 including:
    - 1. Documentation required by Section 35269.
    - 2. Copy of notification of agency's decision regarding the assessment required by Section 35273.
  - (E) Information regarding application, placement and supervision including:
    - 1. Copy of completed application required by Section 35255.
    - 2. Copy of placement agreement required by Section 35297(a)(7).
    - 3. Copy of updated psychological and medical history form and updated assessment of the child required by Sections 35305(a)(3) and (4).
    - 4. Documentation that the agency provided a copy of the updated psychological and medical history form to the prospective adoptive parent as required by Section 35305(a)(3)(A).
    - 5. Documentation to support any reduction in the six-month supervisory period specified in Section 35303.

**35251 INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS CASE RECORD REQUIREMENTS (Continued)**

- 6. Documentation of all interviews conducted during the supervisory period required by Sections 35307 and 35309 including:
  - (i) Documentation of any area listed in Section 35311(a)(1)(A) through (F) observed by the agency representative that requires modification and a description of the modification required by Section 35305(a)(2).
- 7. Copy of written evaluation of the adoptive placement as required by Section 35311.
- 8. Copy of all written notices as required by Sections 35235(a)(1) and 35239(a)(1)(A)(3)(i).
- (F) Copies of all court reports submitted by the agency as required by Subchapter 6, Article 8, Section 35313 et seq.
- (G) Copies of all requests for disclosure of information from the adoption case record including:
  - 1. Requests for medically necessary information.
  - 2. Waivers of confidentiality to allow the agency or department to arrange for contact among the adult adoptee, the birth parent and the adoptive parent.
  - 3. Requests for disclosure of the name and address of the birth parent.
  - 4. Requests for a copy of the psychological and medical history form.
- (H) Copy of certification submitted to INS that California Preadoption Requirements have been met.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

**35253 STAFFING AND POST-ADOPTION SERVICES**

- (a) In addition to meeting the requirements of this article, the agency shall meet all applicable requirements in Subchapter 2, Article 3, Section 35021 et seq. and Subchapter 3, Article 3, Section 35049 et seq.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

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**Article 2. Application For the Placement of a Child for Adoption**

**35255 ICA REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN APPLICATION**

- (a) The agency shall require a written application prior to making an assessment of any person wishing to adopt a child.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

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**Article 3. Assessment of the Applicant**

**35257      REQUIREMENT FOR ASSESSMENT OF APPLICANT**

- (a) The agency shall make a written assessment of each applicant seeking to adopt children for whom the agency needs adoptive parents in order to determine the applicant's suitability as a prospective adoptive parent.
  - (1) The written assessment shall be the basis for the agency's decision as to whether the applicant will be approved for the adoptive placement of a child.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8900, 8902, and 8904, Family Code.

**35259      AUTHORITY FOR DISAPPROVAL OF APPLICANT**

- (a) The agency shall have the authority to make a determination that the applicant shall not be approved for the adoptive placement of a child at any point in the assessment process.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 16141, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 8900, Family Code.

**35261      REQUIREMENT FOR COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

- (a) The agency shall make a determination that the applicant shall be approved for the adoptive placement of a child only after completing the entire assessment process.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

**35263 INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS ASSESSMENT INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) The agency shall conduct interviews as necessary to make the determination required in Section 35257.
- (1) The agency shall conduct at least one interview in the home of the applicant.
  - (2) The agency shall conduct separate interviews with each applicant if more than one applicant.
  - (3) The agency shall conduct a joint interview with the applicants if there is more than one applicant.
  - (4) The agency shall conduct interviews with all other adults and have contact with all children who live in the applicant's home.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8900, 8902, and 8904, Family Code.

**35265 ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH APPLICANT**

- (a) The agency shall discuss the following information with the applicant:
- (1) Approximate time it may take to complete each stage of the intercountry adoption process.
  - (2) Statutory and regulatory requirements for adoption including:
    - (A) INS requirements including readoption, if applicable.
    - (B) Foreign agency requirements.
  - (3) Children available through the agency for adoption.
  - (4) Agency fees including foreign agency fees.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8900, 8902, 8904, and 8919, Family Code.







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**35270 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS (Continued)**

- (c) The Agency shall submit one set of fingerprints (electronically or manually) for each applicant to the DOJ.
  - 1. The agency shall clearly indicate "Adoption" on the request to inform the DOJ of the purpose of the criminal record clearance.
- (d) The agency shall contract with the DOJ for the Subsequent Arrest Notification Service in order to receive arrest information subsequent to the original DOJ criminal record sent to the agency and pending the court order granting the completion of the adoption.

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The DOJ utilizes form BCIA 8049 for this purpose entitled: "Contract for Subsequent Arrest Notification Service." This form and mailing address can be obtained from the DOJ website at:

<http://ag.ca.gov/fingerprints/forms/subarr.pdf>

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- (e) Pursuant to Penal Code section 11105.2 the agency shall notify the DOJ when the adoption has been finalized, denied, or dismissed to discontinue receiving subsequent arrest information on an applicant previously fingerprinted for adoption purposes unless the applicant is being assessed or investigated by the agency for another adoption.

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The DOJ utilizes form BCIA 8302 for this purpose entitled: "No Longer Interested (NLI) Notification." The form and mailing address can be obtained from the DOJ website at:

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**35270 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS (Continued)**

- (f) In the event of subsequent adoptions, the agency shall require new sets of fingerprints and shall make new requests for state criminal records to the DOJ unless the Subsequent Arrest Notification Services is still in effect.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Sections 1530 and 1522.1, Health and Safety Code; Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8901 and 8908, Family Code.

**35271 IDENTIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT AND EVALUATION OF SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS**

- (a) The assessment of the applicant shall include:
- (1) Obtaining the following identifying information:
    - (A) Name, date of birth and sex.
    - (B) Current address and telephone number.
    - (C) Blood relationship to child, if any.
    - (D) Race and ethnic background information.
    - (E) Religion.
    - (F) Current employment information.
    - (G) Verification of marital status, if relevant.
      - 1. Verification of termination of all prior marriages.
  - (2) Evaluation of:
    - (A) General Characteristics.

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- 1. The manner in which the applicant has dealt with difficult or stressful life situations.
- 2. Relationships within the applicant's family.
- 3. Ability to assume responsibility for the care, guidance and protection of a child.
  - (i) Acceptance of a child from a different race or ethnic background.
- 4. Emotional flexibility and stability.

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5. Self-esteem.
6. Coping ability.
7. The manner in which normal hazards and risks are accepted.
8. Motivation for adoption.
9. Ability to have a parent-child relationship and to enjoy a child.
10. Flexibility regarding the applicant's expectations of a child.
11. Feelings and attitudes regarding:
  - (i) Inability of the applicant to conceive children when this is a factor in the application.
  - (ii) Birth parents.
  - (iii) Children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned.
  - (iv) Sharing the facts surrounding the adoption with the adopted child including how the applicant plans to teach the child about, identify with and have information about his or her native country.
  - (v) Children who have physical, emotional and/or mental handicaps.

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- (B) Social Background.

**35271 IDENTIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT AND EVALUATION OF SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)**

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1. Participation in community activities.
2. Peer relationships.
- (C) Educational background.
- (D) Financial stability.
- (E) Work adjustment.
- (F) Adequacy of housing.
  1. Evaluation of adequacy of housing may include evaluation of the following conditions:
    - (i) Sanitation.
    - (ii) Safety.
    - (iii) Sleeping accommodations.
    - (iv) Play area.

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- (G) The full state criminal record of the applicant and the FBI criminal record from the DOJ.

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1. Family Code Section 8908(b) reads as follows:

"(b) The criminal record, if any, shall be taken into consideration when evaluating the prospective adoptive parent, and an assessment of the effects of any criminal history on the ability of the prospective adoptive parent to provide adequate and proper care and guidance to the child shall be included in the report to the court."

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**35271 IDENTIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT AND EVALUATION OF SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)**

- (3) Compliance with the requirements of the foreign agency that has been selected.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8901 and 8908, Family Code.

**35273 WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AGENCY'S DECISION REGARDING PLACEMENT OF A CHILD AND GRIEVANCE REVIEW PROCEDURES**

- (a) The agency shall provide the applicant with written notification of its decision regarding the adoptive placement of a child with the applicant.
  - (1) The agency shall not approve an application for the adoptive placement of a child until the agency has completed the assessment process as specified in Subchapter 6, Article 3, Section 35257 et seq.
  - (2) Written notification of the agency's decision that the applicant is approved for the adoptive placement of a child shall include identification of age, race, gender and characteristics of children considered for placement.
  - (3) The agency shall not approve an application for adoptive placement of a child prior to receiving written notification from the CDSS Adoptions Services Bureau that the information contained in an FBI criminal record of an applicant does not preclude an adoptive placement.
  - (4) Written notification of the agency's decision not to approve the applicant for the adoptive placement of a child shall include an identification of the factors listed in Section 35269 and Section 35271 which led to the agency's decision.
- (b) The agency shall inform the applicant in writing of the agency's grievance review procedure and the right of the applicant to file a grievance with the agency within 30 days of receipt of the agency's decision.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8901 and 8908, Family Code.

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**Article 4. Assessment of the Child**

**35275 REQUIREMENT FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILD**

- (a) The agency shall make a written assessment of the child as required by Family Code Section 8909.

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- (1) Family Code Section 8909(a) reads as follows:

"(a) An agency may not place a child for adoption unless a written report on the child's medical background and, if available, the medical background of the child's biological parents, so far as ascertainable, has been submitted to the prospective adoptive parents and they have acknowledged in writing the receipt of the report."

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8608 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8608, 8900, and 8909, Family Code.

**35277 DOCUMENTATION ON THE CHILD**

- (a) The agency shall obtain documentation on the child to facilitate the assessment, including:
- (1) Identifying information.
  - (2) Medical reports.
  - (3) Psychological evaluations.
  - (4) Scholastic information.
  - (5) Developmental history.
  - (6) Family life history.
  - (7) Certified copy of birth certificate.





**35287        SUBMISSION AND DISCUSSION OF WRITTEN ASSESSMENT (Continued)**

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(A)        Family Code Section 8909 reads as follows:

"(a)        An agency may not place a child for adoption unless a written report on the child's medical background and if available, the medical background of the child's biological parents, so far as ascertainable, has been submitted to the prospective adoptive parents and they have acknowledged in writing the receipt of the report.

"(b)        The report on the child's background shall contain all known diagnostic information, including current medical reports on the child, psychological evaluations, and scholastic information, as well as all known information regarding the child's developmental history and family life."

(B)        Agencies that are licensed to complete intercountry adoptions should refer to Section 35211 for additional regulations pertaining to the written report on the assessment of the child that is to be presented to prospective adoptive parents.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8608, 8621, and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8608, 8900, 8901, 8902, and 8909, Family Code.

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**Article 5 Background Information on the Birth Parents**

**35289 WRITTEN INFORMATION ON THE CHILD'S BIRTH PARENTS**

- (a) The agency shall obtain the following written information on the child's birth parents:
- (1) Identifying information including:
    - (A) Name.
    - (B) Current address.
    - (C) Date of birth.
    - (D) Sex.
    - (E) Race and ethnic background.
    - (F) Any information required by the foreign agency.
  - (2) Medical background information including:
    - (A) Written medical report signed by a licensed physician.
    - (B) Written medical report on the mother of a child who is less than one year of age signed by the physician who delivered the child or, if not available, from the hospital where the child was born. The report shall include:
      1. Results of the mother's blood test for syphilis.
      2. Information regarding all medication taken by the mother during pregnancy.
      3. Mother's health during pregnancy.
      4. Any complications of pregnancy.
      5. Any complications of delivery.
  - (3) Social history including:
    - (A) Marriages.



**SUBCHAPTER 6 PROCEDURES FOR INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTIONS**

**Article 6. Placement**

**35297 PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN CALIFORNIA**

- (a) Prior to placement of the child where the adoption will be completed in California, the agency shall:
- (1) Obtain documentation from the foreign agency that the child is legally free for adoption.
  - (2) Determine that the child's needs can be met by placement with the prospective adoptive parent.
    - (A) The child's needs shall be determined by the assessment required by Subchapter 6, Article 4, Section 35275 et seq.
    - (B) The prospective adoptive parent's ability to meet the needs of the particular child shall be determined by a review of the Assessment of the Applicant required by Subchapter 6, Article 3, Section 35257 et seq.
    - (C) The agency shall make the psychological and medical history form required by Section 35285 available to the prospective adoptive parent.
  - (3) Determine that all INS requirements for a foreign-born child have been met.
  - (4) Certify to INS compliance with California Preadoption Requirements.
  - (5) Unless the prospective adoptive parent has received guardianship of the foreign-born child from the child's native country the agency shall discuss the following with the prospective adoptive parent:
    - (A) That the agency shall retain legal custody of the child, supervise the adoptive placement, and routinely meet with the prospective adoptive parent and child until a final decree of adoption is granted.
      1. If the agency enters into an agreement with the prospective adoptive parent to share or transfer financial responsibility for the child, as permitted by Family Code Section 8906, the placement agreement shall include the nature of the responsibility assumed by the prospective adoptive parent, the duration of that responsibility and the effective date.

**35297            PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN CALIFORNIA**  
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- (i)      Family Code Section 8906 reads as follows:

"Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit the licensed adoption agency from entering into an agreement with the prospective adoptive parents to share or transfer financial responsibility for the child."

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- (B)      That the child shall not be concealed within the county prior of granting the final decree of adoption.
- (C)      That the child shall not be removed from the county of residence of the prospective adoptive parent prior to filing an adoption petition without the prior written consent of the agency.
- (D)      That after the adoption petition is filed the child shall not be removed from the county of residence of the prospective adoptive parent for a period exceeding 30 days without the approval of the court until a final decree of adoption is granted.
- (E)      That the prospective adoptive parent shall place the child under the care of a licensed physician for routine health care of the child.
- (F)      That the prospective adoptive parent shall inform the agency of any serious injury to or illness of the child and shall obtain prior written consent for all nonemergency surgical and other nonroutine medical treatment for the child.
- (G)      That the prospective adoptive parent shall inform the agency regarding any changes in the composition of the adoptive family or place of residence of the family.
- (H)      That the adoptive placement may be terminated and the child removed from the prospective adoptive parent's home at the agency's discretion prior to the filing of the petition to adopt.
- (I)      That the agency agrees to give seven days written notice to the prospective adoptive parent of its intent to terminate the adoptive placement and remove the child unless the agency has determined that the child is in danger of cruelty, neglect, depravity or abuse.





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**Article 7. Supervision of Adoptive Placement**

**35299      REQUIREMENT FOR SUPERVISION OF THE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT**

- (a) The agency shall supervise the adoptive placement of the child with the prospective adoptive parent unless the child was adopted abroad.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

**35301      COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION**

- (a) The agency shall commence supervision of the adoptive placement when the child is placed with the prospective adoptive parent and continue until a final decree of adoption is granted or the child is removed from the home of the prospective adoptive parent.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

**35303      EXCEPTIONS TO THE DURATION OF THE SUPERVISORY PERIOD**

- (a) The duration of the supervisory period shall not be less than six months unless:
- (1) The adoptive parent has successfully completed the adoption of another child in California, including an Assessment of the Applicant and supervision by an agency, within the past five years.
  - (2) The adoptive parent is in the military service of the United States or is employed by the American Red Cross and completion of the six-month supervisory period would delay completion of an adoption which the agency has determined should be completed.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

**35305 SERVICES DURING THE SUPERVISORY PERIOD**

- (a) During the supervisory period the agency shall provide the following services as needed to the prospective adoptive parent and to the child to be adopted so that the child may be successfully integrated into the family:
- (1) Liaison between the family and:
    - (A) Schools.
    - (B) Mental health agencies.
    - (C) Physical health agencies.
    - (D) Rehabilitation service agencies.
    - (E) Other community resources.
  - (2) Discussion with the prospective adoptive parent regarding any area listed in Sections 35311(a)(1)(A) through (F) observed by the agency representative that requires modification and a description of the modification required.
  - (3) Update the psychological and medical history form to reflect any additional information revealed during the supervisory period.
    - (A) The agency shall give a copy of the updated psychological and medical history form to the prospective adoptive parent.
    - (B) The agency shall obtain the prospective parent's signature acknowledging receipt of the updated psychological and medical history form.
  - (4) Update the Assessment of the Child to reflect any additional information discovered during the supervisory period.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.



**35311 WRITTEN EVALUATION OF THE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT (Continued)**

4. The child's school adjustment.
  5. The child's social interaction.
- (D) The relationship of the prospective adoptive parent and all other family members with the child.
- (E) The use made of extended family relationships by the prospective adoptive parent.
- (F) The method, consistency and success of discipline used by the prospective adoptive parent.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Section 8900, Family Code.

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**Article 8. Intercountry Adoption Court Report**

**35313 SUBMISSION OF COURT REPORT**

- (a) The agency shall make a report to the court in all cases where the child has been placed for adoption by the agency and the prospective adoptive parent has filed a petition for adoption. The court report shall be submitted:
- (1) Within 180 days after the petition for adoption has been filed, or
  - (2) Within the time period extended by the court.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 8621 and 8901, Family Code. Reference: Sections 8900, 8914, and 8915, Family Code.

**35315 CONTENT OF THE COURT REPORT**

- (a) The report shall include:
- (1) A full report of the Background Information on the Birth Parents as required by Subchapter 6, Article 5, Section 35289 et seq.
  - (2) A full report of the information obtained in the Assessment of the Child as required by Subchapter 6, Article 4, Section 35285 et seq.
  - (3) A full report of the information obtained in the Assessment of the Applicant as required in Article 3, Sections 35269 and 35271.
    - (A) The court report shall include the assessment of the effect of the criminal record on the applicant's ability to provide adequate and proper care and guidance to the child.
      1. The agency shall utilize the most up-to-date criminal record information in its preparation of the court report.





