

Taiwan Process Information

Main Steps	Lifeline Adoption Process:	Notes
Application	Apply	Application online www.lifelinechild.org
	Meet Lifeline Program Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Call • Orientation Interview 	Within a few days of approval Within a couple weeks of approval
Home Study	Home Study Process: (3-4 months)	With Lifeline or other Home Study Agency
Immigration (600A, 600, PAIR Documents)	Immigration – 600A/600/PAIR Documents (60-90 days average)	Will need new set of fingerprints for USCIS (biometric fingerprint appointment will be issued by USCIS)
Dossier	Dossier - specific documents are requested for each family; examples are FBI clearances, employment letters, medicals (2 weeks)	These documents will be authenticated concurrently with the Immigration process.
	Send authenticated dossier to Cathwel	Dossier is translated and then sent to the court
Approval	Submit dossier to central authority for review and approval (depends on country)	After submitted to the Ministry of Justice, it takes about 30 days to be entered into the register. * Once the dossier has been submitted the central authority may request more information or additional documents
Matching	Only Waiting Children are available for matching; family may identify a child from Lifeline's Website	Families may match with children before or after their home study is completed; families must match with a child before proceeding in the process past the home study; referrals are not available
	Submit pre-approval documents or home study to Cathwel	Pre-approval received anywhere between a few weeks and 4 to 6 months
Trip 1	Typically, first court hearing, meeting with birth family, spend time with child	Approximately 2 to 3 months after dossier is sent to court; 4 to 6 days
Court	Approximately one month after the second court hearing, judge makes the final ruling	The court hearing takes place between trip 1 and trip 2. Our representatives go to court on behalf of the family.
Trip 2	Gradual bonding, AIT appointment	Approximately 2 to 3 months after first court hearing; 7 to 10 days
Finalize Adoption	Adoption finalized in country	
Post Adoption	Follow-up services (Post Adoptions Meetings)	4 reports are required in the first year and one for the next 5 years; however, reports are often required beyond 5 years