



MOROCCO ADOPTIONS

This is a program of the Government of Morocco. Morocco is not a party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of intercountry adoption.

The Parents

- Residents of British Columbia only.
- The applicants must be practising Muslims to adopt from Morocco and provide proof of faith.
- Adoptive parents must be at least 25 years of age. There is no age limit.
- Adoptive parents must be legally married.
- Unfortunately, Morocco does not permit same sex applicants to adopt at this time.
- Single applicants are able to apply.
- There is no limit to how many children the adoptive parents can have in the home.
- At least one adoptive parent must be either a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada.
- Applicants should have at least an average income and be financially secure including employment.
- Must be in good mental and physical health and capable of caring for an adopted child. Evidence of health must also be obtained from a doctor practising in Morocco.
- Not currently using cannabis.

The Children

- Children between 0 – 8 years of age may be adopted. The typical age of children proposed to families is under 1 year.
- The children are typically from baby homes and are abandoned at birth.

Time and travel in Morocco

- Applicants are approved for Kafala Guardianship for the child. Applicants should anticipate spending a minimum time of 6 months in Morocco to complete the adoption process.

Important to Know

Although this page uses the term "adoption" throughout, applicants considering adopting should be aware that Moroccan law provides for a guardianship order issued for the purpose of the child's immigration and adoption. In Morocco, this guardianship is referred to as "Kafala" and is awarded by a Moroccan Court. Under these circumstances, an eligible child can be issued a visa for permanent residency, and will need to fulfill certain requirements, including the child's adoption after arrival in Canada, before the child may acquire Canadian citizenship.
