

# Intercountry adoption

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>  | Glossary Item  |
| <b>Synonymous names:</b>    | Adoption from another country  |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>   | 749058   |
| <b>Registration status:</b> | <a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 03/11/2021  |
| <b>Definition:</b>          | Intercountry adoptions are <a href="#">adoptions</a> of children from countries other than Australia, who are legally able to be placed for adoption but who generally have had no previous contact with the adoptive parent(s). There are four categories of intercountry adoptions: <a href="#">Hague adoption</a> , <a href="#">bilateral adoption</a> , <a href="#">known child intercountry adoption</a> and <a href="#">ad-hoc adoption</a> . These are classified as either 'program adoptions' (Hague or bilateral) or 'non-program adoptions' (known child or ad-hoc) according to whether the child's country of origin was a partner country. |

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Intercountry adoption](#)  
[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

**Metadata items which use  
this glossary item:**

[Ad-hoc adoption](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Adoption type code N](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Adoption—adoption placement, total N\[NN\]](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Adoption—finalised adoption, total number N\[NN\]](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Adoption—Intercountry adoption placement type, code N](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Adoptions DSS 2020-21](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 05/06/2023

[Adoptions DSS 2021-22](#)

[Children and Families](#), Superseded 04/04/2024

[Adoptions DSS 2022-23](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 04/04/2024

[Bilateral adoption](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Finalised adoption](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Hague adoption](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Hague Convention](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Known child intercountry adoption](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Non-Hague adoption](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Person—adoption type, code N](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Person—intercountry adoption living arrangement post arrival, code N](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Person—intercountry adoption order type, code N](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Placement \(adoption\)](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Service provider organisation—approved intercountry adoption client, total number N\[NN\]](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Service provider organisation—intercountry adoption client file sent overseas, total number N\[NN\]](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021

[Service provider organisation—intercountry adoption client, total number N\[NN\]](#)

[Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021