



ADOPTION: AMENDMENT OF BIRTH REGISTER

In terms of section 25 of the Child Care Act, 1983 (Act No. 74 of 1983) the Director-General of Home Affairs must record the adoption of a child in the child's birth register **if so requested by the adoptive parents.**

The requirements are as follows:

- A written request by the adoptive parent.
- A certified copy of the adoption order.
- If the order of adoption also authorises amendment of the child's surname to that of the adoptive parents, the amendment of the surname may be done.
- Copies of birth certificates and/or marriage certificate and/or passports of parents.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ It is important to remember that the Department of Home Affairs is responsible only for the recording of the adoption of a child in the child's birth register if so requested by the adoptive parents. Any other matters relating to adoption fall within the duties of the Department of Social Development (previously Welfare & Population Development).
- ❖ Please address any further questions by e-mail to the address indicated on the main Consular page.