

## **International adoption in Belgium**

In accordance with the Belgian legislation on adoption which came into force on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2005, international adoption is a procedure whereby either a child who will be adopted or who has already been adopted is taken to a country other than his or her usual country of residence.

In Belgium, international adoption is the responsibility of the Communities. For further information on the conditions and procedure for adoption to be followed in Belgium and abroad, you can contact one of the following central bodies at community level:

- French Community: [www.adoptions.be](http://www.adoptions.be)
- Flemish Community: [www.kindengezin.be/KG/Themas/Adoptie/default.jsp](http://www.kindengezin.be/KG/Themas/Adoptie/default.jsp)
- German-speaking Community: [www.dglive.be/Desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-254](http://www.dglive.be/Desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-254)

## **International adoption in Singapore**

In Singapore, the competent authority is the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS). To know which conditions should be fulfilled and which procedure should be followed, you can contact MCYS ([www.mcys.gov.sg](http://www.mcys.gov.sg)).

### **Adoptions made in Singapore must be recognized and registered by the following central federal authority in Belgium**

Federal Public Service Justice  
Directorat général Législation, droits fondamentaux et libertés  
Service adoptions internationales  
Boulevard de Waterloo 115  
B-1000 Bruxelles  
Tel +32 (0) 2 542 65 11  
Fax +32 (0) 2 542 70 38  
E-mail: [adoption.int.adoptie@just.fgov.be](mailto:adoption.int.adoptie@just.fgov.be)

### **Further information is available on the FPS Justice website**

FR: [www.just.fgov.be/adoption](http://www.just.fgov.be/adoption)  
NL: [www.just.fgov.be/adoptie](http://www.just.fgov.be/adoptie)

The only role of the Embassy is to forward the adoption dossier to the central federal authority (see above) which will then make a decision with regard to the recognition and registration of the adoption in Belgium.

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