

# Court Service Center

## New Hampshire Probate Courts

### Validation of an Adoption

#### Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

**Requirement** - You must file one set of documents (listed below) for each adoptee.

- Petition for Validation of Adoption Finalized in a Foreign Country form (**NHJB-2191-FP**)  
*You must attach the required documentation that you checked off on question #4 on this petition.*
- Confidential Report of City and Town Clerk Relative to Adoption form (**VS-37**)

#### Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

- Photo identification may be required.

#### How much will this cost?

- Filing Fee of **\$120.00** for each petition filed.

#### What happens next?

- If a hearing is requested, you will receive a Notice of Hearing in the mail. This notice will inform you of the date, time and place of the hearing. ALL parties are required to attend the hearing.
- If a hearing is not requested, you will receive the Certificate of Adoption in the mail when the court approves the documents filed.
- In order to obtain a new birth certificate after the adoption is validated by the probate court, the adoptive parents must also file a VS37-FB form and a fee with NH Vital Records. Parents may contact NH Vital Records for the form and instructions: 71 South Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301-2410; telephone number is (603) 271-4650. Please allow 4-6 weeks before requesting the birth certificate to allow time for processing.

**Forms and instructions are available at any NH Probate Court  
or at**

[www.courts.state.nh.us/probate](http://www.courts.state.nh.us/probate)