

Service Center

New Hampshire Circuit Court

VALIDATION OF AN ADOPTION

Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

One set of documents (listed below) must be filed for each adoptee.

- Petition for Validation of Adoption Finalized in a Foreign Country form (**NHJB-2191-P**). You must attach the required documentation that you checked off on question #4 on this petition. If requested, the original documents provided to validate the adoption will be returned to the petitioner after the court has ruled on the petition.
- Confidential Report of City and Town Clerk Relative to Adoption form (**VS-37**)

See Probate Division Procedure Bulletin 24 if child entered the country prior to 1/22/2004.

Other items that may be needed::

- Photo identification may be required.

How much will this cost?

- Filing Fee of **\$150.00** 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 petition.
- When an adoption has been validated by a New Hampshire court, a NH Certificate of Foreign Birth is available only through the NH Division of Vital Records Administration (*DVRA*). The proper form and fee must be filed. The NH Division of Vital Records Administration (*DVRA*) is located at 71 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301, (603) 271-4650. Contact them directly for hours, application and applicable fee information. The website is:
<http://www.sos.nh.gov/vitalrecords/FAQ.html>

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

www.courts.state.nh.us/probate