



Australian Government
Department of Social Services

Intercountry Adoption Central Authorities Meeting Communiqué

The Department of Social Services as the Australian Central Authority (ACA) for intercountry adoption, State and Territory Central Authorities (STCA) and the New Zealand Central Authority (CA), met virtually on 24 May 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss intercountry adoption matters.

Updates from Australian governments

Reactivation of the India-Australia Intercountry Adoption Program (the Program) was discussed. The Queensland and Northern Territory CAs reported on their recent experiences with the Program. The remaining STCAs are considering key learnings from this initial stage before determining their involvement in any future stages of the reactivation.

The ACA and STCAs discussed the creation of a new National Curriculum for parents considering intercountry adoption. A new nationally consistent core curriculum will be based on the premise that adoption is a lifelong journey and will address post-adoption and adult adoption needs.

STCAs provided updates on key developments in each jurisdiction.

Updates from New Zealand Central Authority

The New Zealand CA provided an update on current business and key priorities for their jurisdiction.