



REQUIREMENTS, PROCESSES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ADOPTION IN GRENADA

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Persons eligible are:
 - (a) Adults 25 years and older.
 - (b) A 21 year old is acceptable if related to the child.
 - (c) Joint adoption is allowed upon application by two spouses.
 - (d) One applicant must be 25 years or at least 21 years older than the child.
2. A single male will not be allowed to adopt a female child. Exception is made under special circumstances.
3. Applicants must submit evidence of consent of parent(s) or guardians.
4. Consent document is not admissible unless:
 - (a) A child is at least six weeks old;
 - (b) Document is attested on that date by a Justice of the Peace.
5. Every person applying to adopt a child in Grenada shall supply:
 - (a) Adequate information on the child;
 - (b) An assessment of the child's family;
 - (c) A medical report of the child; and
 - (d) A medical report of the applicant

The applicant shall supply the Board, through the Ministry, with such other information as the Board, through the Ministry, may reasonably require

PROCESS:

1. Ministry of Legal Affairs receives applications for adoption, it is then forwarded to the Adoption Board.
2. Once an application for adoption is sent to the Board, it considers the application to decide whether to consent or not consent to such application. The decision shall be forwarded to the Court.

3. Decisions require a two –thirds majority of the Board.
4. Before making an Order the Board and the Court shall be satisfied that the consenting persons understand that adoption will permanently deprive them of the child.
5. The adoption order is made, when the child is in the continuous care and possession of the applicants for three months, preceding the date of the Order.

RESTRICTIONS:

1. The Board must be satisfied that the applicant has not received or agreed to receive any payment or other rewards for the adoption except as the Court sanctions.
2. Exception for spouses, more than one person cannot adopt a child.
3. One year after adoption order, the Board may require the adopted parents to supply it with information on the well –being of the child and may make recommendations to the Court. The process may be repeated from time to time, no more frequent than intervals of two years.