



European Adoption Consultants, Inc.

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RUSSIAN ADOPTION CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS AND CONSULTANTS TO DISCUSS PRIOR TO REFERRAL

- \$5,000 non-refundable deposit towards foreign program fee required at time of submission of dossier and contract. Please reference Addendum C.
- An International Reviewing Physician must be identified and name provided to EAC prior to referral.
- There will be additional paperwork to complete after referral accepted; this will include duplicates of paperwork already done, as well as additional documents that will need to be authenticated.
- If you submitted your dossier to EAC prior to receiving your I-171H, you must provide two authenticated copies for your dossier.
- All referrals are given by the Regional Authority in The Russian Federation on your first trip in country.
- Call reviewing physician prior to leaving country to advise you may call while in Russia for any issues that may arise.
- Physical examination is required by licensed physician (with a copy of their license to be provided). Parents may want to discuss in advance that they need license to be sure physician and psychiatrist will provide. Physician must be from an Internal Medicine, General or Family Practice.
- Psychiatric examination may be required by a licensed psychiatrist (with a copy of their license to be provided). Parents may want to discuss in advance that they need license to be sure psychiatrist will provide.
- Insurance may not cover required testing.
- Cannot do medical and psychiatric examination in advance of referral – only valid for 90 days.
- Russian Medical examination in country – client may have to be undressed from the waist up in front of several Russian medical professionals.
- Clients may have to have lab work performed in country.
- Parents are required to carry cash to Russia.
- Parents are asked to take gifts to the orphanage. This includes a monetary donation of \$500/child and 10 outfits/coats/boots.
- Short notice on travel is possible with Visas arriving approximately 24 hours prior to leaving the country.
- Three trips are required or two (with second trip being up to 30 days). Four trips are required for some regions; only one parent is required to travel on third trip and fourth trips. The parent that will travel on the third trip must travel on fourth trip.
- What is ten day wait and why it will NOT be waived in country.
- Russian citizens and/or child's biological family can adopt child, even after referral is accepted and first trip is made. The child is not legally "yours" until court and 10 day wait is complete.
- Parents may have to wait up to two hours at airport for pick up, please call the phone number's referenced in your travel packet if no one is there after forty-five minutes or so. They may be stuck in traffic.
- Upon arriving in Russia and meeting with the orphanage officials, you will be given additional information on your referral that may seem "alarming" such as the biological mother has HIV, Hep B or Hep C, or your referral may have tested positive to one of these diseases. In such an event, please do not panic. Our staff will assist you to obtain blood/PCR tests needed to rule out any concerns by an independent clinic. You may wish to call EAC (440)846-9300 to talk to someone if you like.
- Registering with Russian Consulate 2 business days after embassy or sign contract and send certified check for \$5,250 (which will be cashed) before 2nd trip. \$5,000 will be returned after you register upon arrival back home. Client to pay consulate fee in addition.

- International adoptions from Russia are “closed” adoptions. Should you attempt to make contact with the biological family after your adoption is complete, issues may arise such as the family trying to extort money from you or threatening to reverse the adoption, etc. Some biological families welcome communication while others do not. There is no way to pre-determine how a “private investigator” may be received by the biological family in Russia. EAC does not recommend this for our families. The Ministry of Education Moscow should be contacted directly should you need or desire any additional information.
- When a child enters the orphanage, a bank account is set up in their name from the Russian Federation. A minimal amount is deposited in this account and the purpose of this account is if the child remains in the orphanage their entire life they receive this account when they reach the age of majority and are released from the orphanage in the street. If your child(ren) has an account that you are made aware of, it is common practice to donate any funds in this account back to the orphanage to be split for the remaining children in the orphanage. You will be required to sign a Power of Attorney relinquishing these funds back to the orphanage/Russian Federation.
- Acceptance/Confirmation of Referral form to be signed and notarized after first trip and prior to departure for second trip.
- Verify that your Notice of Favorable Determination (I-171H) approval and fingerprints are not expiring prior to your adoption being complete.

I/We hereby acknowledge the above information has been discussed with our Consultant and that we agree and have no further questions.

Adoptive Father Signature

Adoptive Mother Signature

Date

Date

Print Last Name

State of
County of

Sworn to and subscribed before me, below signed notary public, this ____ day of _____, 20____ by _____ and _____ who are personally known to me ____ or provided identification in the form of _____.

Notary Public

Consultant Signature

Date
