

**Regulation 54:** Guidelines for In-Country Relative Adoption:

- (1) The prospective adoptive parents shall register on the CARINGS Portal with the required documents as specified in the Schedule VI.
- (2) Consent of biological parents or permission of the Child Welfare Committee, as the case may be, shall be required as provided in the Schedule XIX or Schedule XXII respectively.
- (3) The consent of the child shall be obtained, if they are five years of age or above.
- (4) Affidavit of adoptive parents is required in cases of in-country relative adoptions in support of their financial and social status as specified in the Schedule XXIV.
- (5) The prospective adoptive parents shall receive due verification by the District Child Protection Unit.
- (6) The State Adoption Resource Agency shall further refer the case to the Authority for necessary approval following which pre-approval certificate shall be issued by the State Adoption Resource Agency as provided in the Schedule XXV.
- (7) If the prospective adoptive parents have a foreign passport, the case shall be referred to the Authority for expert advice.
- (8) After scrutiny of the application, the District Child Protection Unit shall file the application as provided in the Schedule XXX before the District Magistrate of the district where the child is habitually residing.
- (9) The District Child Protection Unit shall obtain a certified copy of the adoption order from the District Magistrate concerned and furnish a copy of the same online to the Authority and the adoptive parents through the CARINGS Portal.