



ÚDARÁS UCHTÁLA na hÉIREANN
THE ADOPTION AUTHORITY of IRELAND

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Accredited Bodies providing adoption services in Ireland

Under the Adoption Act 2010, the Adoption Authority of Ireland was established on 1st November 2010. The Authority is working to develop appropriate procedures and infrastructure to manage and to support adoptions within the terms of the Act.

The Authority is now seeking expressions of interest from bodies who wish to provide adoption services. These services, set out in detail in Section 4 of the Adoption Act, are:

- Pre-birth information advice and counselling of pregnant women and their partners or families
- Placement of child in foster or other care prior to adoption
- Provision of advice and information about adoption to prospective adoptive parents
- Assessment of prospective adoptive parents
- Placement of a child with adoptive parents
- Providing information and tracing services for people affected by adoption.

Applicants should ensure that they are familiar with both the relevant sections of the Adoption Act, 2010 and the Adoption Act (Accredited Bodies) Regulations 2010. Both are available on the Adoption Authority website. Bodies will be accredited by the Authority under the Adoption Act (Accredited Bodies) Regulations 2010 and applicants should ensure that they are in a position to fulfil the requirements set out in the Accredited Bodies Regulations referred to. A body that is accredited by the Adoption Authority will be subject to ongoing regulation by the Authority under the terms of the Act.

For the purposes of expressing interest in becoming an accredited body, the information specified within the Regulations, as a minimum, must be provided.

Expressions of interests should be sent to

Mr. Kiernan Gildea,
Secretary,
Adoption Authority of Ireland,
Shelbourne House,
Shelbourne Road,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

Envelopes should be clearly marked 'Accredited Bodies' and preferably should be received before 13th December 2010 in order that the Adoption Authority may be in a position to consider applications from interested parties at the earliest possible date.