

Kazakhstan: Suspension of Intercountry Adoptions Continues

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The Kazakhstan Adoption Authority, the Ministry of Education and Science (MOES), confirmed to the U.S. Central Authority that the suspension on intercountry adoption between the United States and Kazakhstan remains in place pending submission of all outstanding post-adoption reports (PARs). While the MOES has continued to issue certificates of authorization to Adoption Service Providers (ASPs), the suspension applies to all U.S. ASPs.

Timely submission of PARs is critical to our ongoing efforts to resume intercountry adoptions between the United States and Kazakhstan. Compliance with Kazakhstan's PAR requirements will contribute to an understanding of the positive impact that intercountry adoption has for children from Kazakhstan who are living in the United States.

Adoptive parents of Kazakh children are requested to submit outstanding PARs as soon as possible. The MOES requires that PARs include adoptive parents' names, each adopted child's name and date of birth, and the region from which the child was adopted, as well as recent photos of the child, including family photographs. PARs should also include information about each of the following:

- Health and development
- Education
- Activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Family adjustment

The Government of Kazakhstan no longer requires translations. Families may submit reports in English, but PARs must be apostilled and notarized.

Additionally, families may now submit reports directly to the Adoption Committee at the MOES at kopd.mon.rk@gmail.com and washington@kazakhembus.com. Please also copy the Department of State at adoption@state.gov and let us know if you are submitting a first-ever PAR.

If you have already submitted PARs as required by Kazakh law, please inform us via email at adoption@state.gov in order to confirm receipt with the Kazakh government.

U.S. adoptive parents of children from Kazakhstan may choose to work with one of the U.S. ASPs that Kazakhstan has authorized to prepare PARs. A list of these ASPs can be found on the Kazakh Embassy [website](#)[↗].

Questions regarding this announcement may be sent to adoption@state.gov.

We are in the process of updating the adoptions Country Information Sheet for Kazakhstan. Please continue to monitor adoption.state.gov for updated information. If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Office of Children's Issues at adoption@state.gov.