



On the Special Adoption System

1. Overview

“Special adoption” is a system that resolves the legal parent-child relationship with the actual parent (birth parent) of an adopted child in order to promote the welfare of the child, and establishes the same parent-child relationship with the real child .

“Special adoption” is established by receiving a family court decision when satisfying the following requirements for a request of a couple desiring to become an adoptive parent.

 [<Reference> Difference between ordinary adoption and special adoption adopted Number of cases adopted by special adoption / reference clause](#) [377 KB]

2. Requirement for establishment

The establishment of “adoption of special adoption”, in the case that circumstances such as the following are fulfilled and the custody of the child adopted by parents is extremely difficult or inappropriate, the child's interests Therefore it is necessary to be recognized by the family court as particularly necessary.

(1) Consent of [Real Parents](#)

The [parents \(parents and parents\) of the adopted child](#) must have [consent](#) . However, in cases where the actual parents can not display their intentions, or if there are reasons for abuse by malicious parents, abandonment of malice, or other reasons that severely harm the interests of adopted children, practical parents' consent may be unnecessary.

(2) Age of

adoptive parent To become an adoptive parent, you must be a [spouse \(married couple\)](#) , and you will be [engaged by](#) a couple jointly. In addition, [those who become adoptive parents](#) must be [over 25 years old](#) . However, if one of the married couple who is an adoptive parent is over 25 years old, the other can become an adoptor if it is over 20 years old.

(3) Age of

[adopted child](#) The [age of adopted child](#) must be [less than 6 years old when adoptive parents request referee to family court](#) . However, if your child has been cared for by an adoptive parent before the child reaches 6 years old, you can request a referee before your child reaches 8 years old.

(4) In

order to establish a [custody for six months, it is necessary](#) for the [adoptive parents to guard their adopted children for more than six months](#) . For that reason, you will live with your child before the establishment of the marriage, the family court will decide to adopt special adoption considering its custody situation etc.

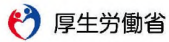
3. About dissemination awareness

The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare is promoting the dissemination and enlightenment of the special adoption system.

 [Person who is suffering from unexpected pregnancy, who is suffering \(leaflet\)](#) [2,009 KB]

 [Those wishing to become a parent by special adoption \(leaflet\)](#) [1,171 KB]

 [Medical professionals, mainly obstetric medical institutions \(leaflet\)](#) [1,698 KB]



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4. On the enforcement of the law concerning protection of children concerning adoption of adoption by private mediation mechanisms

The law on the protection of children concerning adoption of adoption by private mediation mechanism will be enforced on April 1,

- [Act on protection of children concerning mediation of adoption by private mediation agency](#) [589KB]
- [Enforcement Order of the Act on Protection of Children pertaining to Adoption of Adoption by Private Spending Agency](#) [73KB]
- [Enforcement regulations on laws on protection of children concerning adoption of adoption by private mediation agency](#) [804 KB]
- [Guidelines for private-sector mediation agencies to properly carry out duties related to adoption](#) [180 KB]
- [Regarding the enforcement of the law, etc. concerning protection of children concerning adoption of adoption by private mediation agency \(notification\)](#) [688 KB]
- [Form No. 1 \(application form\)](#) [94 KB]
- [Form No. 2 \(fee table\)](#) [75 KB]
- [Form 4 \(Application for re-issuance of permit\)](#) [58KB]
- [The style 5th \(permit certificate application\)](#) [90KB]
- [Form No. 6 \(Abolition Notification Form\)](#) [57 KB]

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5. Registration situation of private mediation agency

The adoption agency business operators who received notification of Type 2 Social Welfare Project by April 1, 1990 are as follows.

[List of adoption companies \(as of April 30, 1990: transitional measures subject\)](#) [57 KB]

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