**MORE INFORMATION**

**INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION**

Highland Council will charge for all assessments for intercountry adoption.

The Home Study Report should be completed by a qualified social worker and consist of a full adoption assessment, with the additional emphasis on bringing up a child from overseas.

As part of the assessment process all prospective adopters must take part in a preparation course. This can be an intercountry adoption preparation course provided by another agency and applicants can also, if they choose, attend a Highland Council adoption preparation course.

Approval as prospective intercountry adopters has two elements, approval by the Agency undertaking the assessment, followed by approval by the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government also charge for processing intercountry adoption applications. The amount charged is means tested.