

Proposed Changes Regarding Form I-600A

Comments on the Table of Changes – Form I-600A

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Pg No on Table of Changes	Original Pg No	Comments
7	5	<p><i>Under Question 31</i> Type of Application/Petition Filed:</p> <p>ADD: I-130 for an adopted child</p>
7	New	<p><i>Under Question 32.</i> ADD: words in bold: <i>State and County where adoption was finalized?</i></p> <p>Case Number of Your Petition for Adoption</p>
9	6	<p>Under Duty of Disclosure, new phrase 37. A and 38. A</p> <p>Investigated: This needs to be defined. Too broad and overreaching.</p> <p>Students applying to law school are investigated by the law schools. Graduates of law school are investigated when they apply to a State Bar Association.</p> <p>Teachers are investigated when they apply for a state license to teach.</p> <p>Applicants to the FBI, Secret Service, DOD etc.</p>
12	8	<p>ADD to Item 5 the words in bold Have you identified another accredited agency or approved person to serve as your primary adoption service provider?</p>
15	9	<p>ADD INSERT into paragraph</p> <p>9. If known, are the children you seek to adopt siblings?</p>
18	11	<p>Applicant's Duty to Disclose: ADD the language in Bold</p> <p>. . . I agree to notify my home study prepare, my primary adoption service provider and USCIS . . .</p>
21	12	<p>Your Spouse's Duty to Disclose: ADD the language in Bold</p> <p>. . . I agree to notify my home study prepare, my primary adoption service provider and USCIS . . .</p>

General Comments regarding the Table of Changes:

1. Delighted that you added Primary Adoption Service Provider.
2. Define and distinguish between a Primary Adoption Service Provider, Accredited Agency, Accredited Representative and Legal Service Provider. These terms should be explained in greater detail at the onset on the case.

Consider allowing Accredited Agencies or Approved Persons to Prepare Immigration Forms such as I-600A, I-600, Supplement 1, and Supplement 2.

Comments on the Changes to the Instructions: – Form I-600A

Page No on Instruction	Comment:
1	<p>Add a 3rd item:</p> <p>The child's adoption is not governed by the Hague Adoption Convention, even though after the Hague Adoption Convention entered into force. For Example, the case meets requirements agreed upon by the United States and the child's country or foreign to proceed as a non-Convention case during the country's transition to the Hague Process.</p>
2	Glad to see that you are addressing Applicants Residing Abroad
3	<p><i>Under Affidavits:</i> ADD</p> <p>USCIS accepts Statements when the person providing the Statement is clearly identified [DOB, A#, address, e-mail, mobile phone]. Such Statements may be made before a Notary Public or the statement includes the following language:</p> <p>Under penalties of perjury of the laws of the United States, I affirm that the matters contained in this statement are true and correct.</p> <p>Such statements must be signed and dated</p>
7	<p><i>What is USCIS referring to on page 7, 3rd paragraph that states:</i></p> <p>If your case meets certain criteria, you home study may not be required to meet some of the above requirements.</p>

	<i>If USCIS is referring to Applicants residing abroad, it should state so. Otherwise, this paragraph will lead to confusion and errors by Applicants.</i>
1	<p>Under the Section of Who May Not File Form I-600A: consider the following additions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"> <i>a) Your spouse is a conditional resident and USCIS has not been adjudicated his or her immigration status;</i> <i>b) Your spouse is in detention or in removal proceedings;</i> <i>c) USCIS had not adjudicated your spouse's claim for asylum: and</i> <i>d) Your spouse is on probation.</i> </p>

Comments on the Changes to Form I-600A Supplement 1

1. Page 3, Adult Member of Household's Duty of Disclosure, ADD words in bold

. . . I agree to notify the applicant, petitioner, home study prepare, **primary adoption service provider** and USCIS . . .

2. Concerns raised above regarding the word **Investigation**. Too broad, not clear and could be very invasive.