

List of Countries/Territories that are compliant/non-compliant with Hague and/or Irish Adoption Law

Country/Territory	Hague	Status	Board Dec
Albania	R	Compliant	01/05/2001
Algeria		Under Review	
Argentina		Compliant	05/07/2005
Armenia	A**	Compliant	03/09/2002
Australia - Australian Capital Territory	R	Compliant	25/07/1995
Australia - New South Wales	R	Compliant	14/09/1999
Australia - Northern Territory	R	Compliant	20/02/1996
Australia - Queensland	R	Compliant	12/05/1998
Australia - South Australia	R	Compliant	08/09/2009
Australia - Tasmania	R	Compliant	15/08/2000
Australia - Victoria	R	Compliant	09/12/1997
Australia - Western Australia	R	Compliant	21/10/1997
Azerbaijan	A	Compliant	23/01/2001
Bahamas, The		Compliant	09/10/2007
Bangladesh		Non-Compliant	12/10/2004
Belgium	R	Compliant	10/03/1998
Belize (form British Honduras)	A	Compliant	20/01/1998
Bermuda		Compliant	20/09/2005
Bolivia	R	Compliant	20/04/1993
Bosnia-Herzegovina		Compliant	01/04/2003
Botswana		Compliant	21/02/2008
Brazil	R	Compliant	29/01/1992
Bulgaria	R	Compliant	22/04/1997
Cambodia	A**	Compliant	23/10/2007
Cameroon		Under Review	
Canada	R		
Canada - Alberta	R	Compliant	14/11/1995
Canada - British Colombia	R	Compliant	29/02/2000
Canada - Manitoba	R	Compliant	12/10/2004
Canada - New Brunswick	R	Compliant	12/10/2004
Canada - Newfoundland & Labrador	R	Compliant	24/10/1995
Canada - Northwest Territories	R	Under Review	
Canada - Nova Scotia	R	Under Review	
Canada - Ontario	R	Compliant	27/04/1998
Canada - Prince Edward Island	R	Under Review	

Canada - Quebec	R	Compliant	11/03/1997
Canada - Saskatchewan	R	Compliant	24/08/2004
Canada - Yukon	R	Under Review	
Chile	R	Under Review	
China	R	Compliant	30/07/1996
Colombia	R	Under Review	
Congo (Brazzaville)		Under Review	
Cook Islands		Compliant	04/07/2000
Croatia		Compliant	08/04/2008
Cyprus	R	Compliant	17/10/1995
Czech Republic	R	Compliant	02/12/2003
Denmark	R	Compliant	08/09/2009
Dominican Republic, The	A	Under Review	
Ecuador	R	Compliant	16/03/1993
El Salvador	R	Compliant	04/03/1997
England & Wales	R	Compliant	11/06/1996
Ethiopia		Compliant	09/10/2007
Fiji		Compliant	09/10/2007
Finland	R	Compliant	18/05/2004
France	R	Compliant	18/02/1996
Gambia, The		Under Review	
Georgia	A	Non-Compliant	14/12/2004
Germany	R	Compliant	20/03/1996
Ghana		Compliant	29/04/1997
Greece	R	Compliant	27/04/1998
Guatemala	A**	Under Review	
Guyana		Compliant	10/11/2009
Haiti		Under Review	
Honduras		Under Review	

Hong Kong		Compliant	26/11/1991
Hungary	R	Compliant	03/09/2002
India	R	Under Review	28/05/2002
Indonesia		Compliant	24/09/2002
Israel	R	Compliant	04/07/1995
Italy	R	Under Review	
Jamaica		Compliant	10/11/2009
Japan		Compliant	27/06/1995
Jersey, CI		Compliant	14/03/1995
Kazakhstan		Under Review	
Kenya	A	Compliant	11/08/1998
Korea, South		Non-Compliant	03/09/1996
Laos		Under Review	
Latvia	R	Compliant	27/05/1997
Lebanon, The		Non-Compliant	01/10/1991
Lesotho		Non-Compliant	22/06/2004
Liberia		Compliant	27/08/1996
Libya		Non-Compliant	25/03/2003
Lithuania	A	Compliant	15/08/2000
Luxembourg	R	Compliant	04/07/1995
Madagascar	R	Under Review	
Malawi		Compliant	02/12/2003
Malaysia		Compliant	29/08/1995
Malta	A	Compliant	06/05/2003
Mauritius	A	Compliant	09/06/1998
Mexico	R	Under Review	08/04/2008
Moldova	A	Under Review	
Morocco		Non-Compliant	03/07/2001
Mozambique		Non-Compliant	13/05/2003
Myanmar / Burma		Compliant	18/05/1998
Namibia		Compliant	09/10/2007

Nepal		Non-Compliant	27/08/1996
Netherlands, The	R	Under Review	
New Zealand	A	Compliant	09/01/2001
Nicaragua		Compliant	25/02/2003
Niger		Compliant	08/01/2008
Nigeria		Non-Compliant	28/05/2002
Northern Ireland	R	Compliant	28/05/1996
Norway	R	Compliant	27/06/1995
Pakistan		Non-Compliant	25/06/2002
Panama	R	Under Review	
Papua New Guinea		Compliant	17/10/1995
Paraguay	A	Under Review	
Peru	R	Under Review	
Philippines, The	R	Compliant	10/11/2009
Poland	R	Compliant	30/06/1992
Portugal	R	Compliant	09/10/2007
Romania	R	Compliant	26/11/1991
Russia		Under Review	
Rwanda		Under Review	
Saudi Arabia		Non-Compliant	
Scotland	R	Compliant	02/03/1993
Sierra Leone		Compliant	27/04/1993
Singapore		Compliant	10/12/1996
Slovakia	R	Compliant	13/02/2001
Slovenia	R	Under Review	

South Africa	A	Compliant	18/02/1996
Spain	R	Compliant	22/05/2001
Sri Lanka	R	Compliant	25/07/1995
St. Kitts & Nevis		Compliant	31/07/2001
St. Lucia		Compliant	31/?/2001
Sudan, The		Non-Compliant	17/06/1997
Sweden	R	Under Review	
Switzerland	R	Compliant	20/01/1998
Taiwan		Compliant	08/09/2009
Tanzania		Under Review	
Thailand	R	Compliant	05/11/1996
Trinidad & Tobago		Compliant	07/12/1999
Turkey	R	Non-Compliant	21/11/2000
Uganda		Compliant	01/09/1998
Ukraine		Under Review	
Uruguay	R	Under Review	
USA - Alabama	R	Compliant	06/05/2008
USA - Alaska	R	Compliant	22/04/1997
USA - Arizona	R	Compliant	20/05/2003
USA - Arkansas	R	Compliant	18/06/2002
USA - California	R	Compliant	10/04/2001
USA - Colorado	R	Compliant	20/02/1996
USA - Connecticut	R	Compliant	23/01/2001
USA - Delaware	R	Under Review	
USA - Florida	R	Compliant	08/09/2009
USA - Georgia	R	Compliant	28/01/2003
USA - Hawaii	R	Under Review	
USA - Idaho	R	Compliant	12/06/2001
USA - Illinois	R	Under Review	
USA - Kansas	R	Compliant	21/11/2000
USA - Kentucky	R	Under Review	
USA - Maine	R	Compliant	09/09/2003
USA - Maryland	R	Compliant	25/02/2003
USA - Massachusetts	R	Compliant	31/07/2001
USA - Michigan	R	Compliant	14/05/1996

USA - Minnesota	R	Compliant	10/02/2004
USA - Missouri	R	Compliant	
USA - Nebraska	R	Under Review	
USA - Nevada	R	Compliant	18/07/2000
USA - New Jersey	R	Compliant	10/06/1997
USA - New Mexico	R	Compliant	04/05/1993
USA - New York	R	Compliant	10/09/1996
USA - North Carolina	R	Compliant	13/04/1999
USA - Ohio	R	Compliant	11/04/2000
USA - Oklahoma	R	Compliant	15/10/1996
USA - Oregon	R	Compliant	25/09/2001
USA - Pennsylvania	R	Compliant	29/06/1999
USA - Rhode Island	R	Compliant	06/05/2008
USA - South Carolina	R	Under Review	
USA - Texas	R	Under Review	
USA - Utah	R	Compliant	27/05/1997
USA - Vermont	R	Compliant	23/01/2001
USA - Virginia		Compliant	05/02/2002
USA - Washington DC	R	Compliant	
USA - Washington State	R	Compliant	06/05/2003
USA - Wisconsin	R	Compliant	09/09/2003
Uzbekistan		Compliant	09/10/2007
Venezuela	R	Compliant	24/01/1995
Zambia		Compliant	23/04/1996
Zimbabwe		Compliant	16/09/1997

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Persons proposing to adopt abroad should always consider taking independent legal advice prior to doing so. The Adoption Board cannot give legal advice and is not the competent authority to advise on the adoption laws of any foreign country.

Since the enactment of the Adoption Act 1991, the Adoption Board has examined the adoption laws of 180 states, territories and provinces. Of these 124 comply with Irish legislation. 14 do not and 42 are under review. However, those found compliant / non compliant were found to be so on a specific date. They are a 'snapshot in time' and may have been revised since being last examined.

Applicants are encouraged to check with the Adoption Board with regard to the compliance status of any specific country.

As with all applications to it, the Adoption Board reserves all of its statutory rights and functions in the matter of applications made to it, without partiality or prior commitment