WHAT IS BIRTH REGISTRATION WITH MARGINAL NOTE OF INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION?

Birth registration with marginal note of international adoption is the entry certifying birth, its date, time and place, sex, and if applicable, kinship of registered Spanish subjects born outside Spain with marginal note of adoption.

Adoption is always a case where public access is restricted (according to article 21 of the Civil Register Regulations). Therefore, certifications of such birth registrations can be issued only to the person concerned or to the adoptive parents.
WHAT IS the Central Civil Register?

The Register records the events and acts of marital status which are not the responsibility of other registries, or when exceptional circumstances mean that the corresponding registry is unable to record them; it also records events and acts of civil society affecting Spaniards abroad. Additionally, when a Consular Register is responsible for recording an event because it occurred abroad and the person affected is resident in Spain, this must first be registered in the Central Civil Register, and later transferred to the corresponding Consular Register.

The Central Register will also receive books consisting of duplicates of:

1. consular registrations.
2. Registrations of births registered in the Municipal Registries of the home country in the case of international adoption, and of foreign citizens who have acquired Spanish citizenship.
3. Registrations of Municipal Registries relating to judicial rulings affecting legal capacity, parental authority and custody of a minor, the care or administration of persons presumed incapable or minors not subject to legal custody, and the constitution and administration of protected assets.

HOW can I apply?

Apply in person at the Municipal Civil Register of the adoptive parents’ place of residence, by virtue of the proximity principle. However, you may also apply to the Central Civil Register.

Time limit

There is no time limit for requesting registration.

WHO can apply?

The adoptive parent/s or the adopted person (if of age or emancipated).

Documentation needed

The procedure begins with the presentation of documentation accrediting all these items at the relevant Civil Register. Applicants must go to the register and provide, with the information sheet:

- Identification of the applicant or applicants (National Identification Card, passport, etc.).
- Census Certificate.
- Birth Certificate from the foreign Local Civil Register, legalised or, if applicable, with apostille and translated by a sworn translator when it has not been written in an official language of Spain.
- Full birth certificates of the adoptive parents issued by the Spanish Civil Register.
- Original documentation accrediting the adoption issued by the relevant authorities, translated by a sworn translator if necessary.
- Certificate of eligibility issued by the appropriate body of the Autonomous Region where the adoptive parents are resident.
- Full marriage certificate of the adoptive parents, if married.
- Two information sheets, one with the data for the biological parentage of the adoptee and the other with the data for the adoptive kinship.

(These documents will be collected for purely informational purposes. At the time of classification any data deemed appropriate may be required by the senior judge presiding the registry classification or the Secretary of the Registry taking part in the proceedings.)

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