



HAGUE ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL APPLICATION FAQ'S

Question: When I check the boxes to specify which adoption services I provide, should I check boxes to reflect the work I do in domestic cases or cases that will not be subject to the Hague Convention?

Answer: No, you only need to check the boxes to indicate which services you will provide for cases that involve Hague Convention countries.

Question: What is the Collaborative Relationships Profile?

Answer: The Collaborative Relationships Profile is a form that provides information about other adoption service providers with whom you work. The form is available on COA's website at <http://www.coanet.org/front3/page.cfm?sect=54&cont=4202> with the application forms.

Question: Do I include foreign supervised providers on the Collaborative Relationships Profile?

Answer: No. You only need to include information about the intercountry adoption service providers in the United States.

Question: Do I include providers we/I collaborate with on non-Convention cases on the Collaborative Relationships Profile?

Answer: No, we are only concerned with your collaborative relationships for Convention cases.

Question: What constitutes a formal agreement on the Collaborative Relationships Profile?

Answer: Circle "YES" in the last column of the Collaborative Relationships Profile if you have established a formal, *written* agreement with the adoption service provider in question. Information provided at this time will be used in the initial assessment only. It will need to be updated and provided with your Self-Study (pre-site) documents.

Question: **If I have all of the information required in the Collaborative Relationships Profile in another format, do I need to use the official form?**

Answer: No, as long as all the required information is included, we will accept substitutions.

Question: **Are the October webinars different from the webinars COA hosted in August and September?**

Answer: No, the presentation will cover a portion of material identical to the material discussed in the August and September webinars. We will give priority in registration to people who did not participate in previous webinars.

Question: **My organization is currently accredited by COA for Intercountry Adoption. Do we need to apply separately for Hague Accreditation?**

Answer: Yes, Hague Accreditation is a separate accreditation. Hague Accreditation follows a different process and utilizes a different set of standards developed by the State Department specifically for Hague Accreditation and Approval. We have developed a Dual Accreditation application if you would like to seek COA reaccreditation while you are seeking Hague Accreditation.

Question: **We are a COA-accredited organization planning to apply for Hague accreditation. Our COA accreditation does not expire for two years. Should we apply for dual accreditation?**

Answer: Please contact COA to discuss your COA expiration date if you are interested in seeking dual accreditation. We understand you may want to align your accreditation cycles now, or in the future, and we are happy to discuss the options available to you.

Question: **Where can I find the Hague Standards?**

Answer: The Hague standards were included in the final rule published in February by the State Department. Please go to COA's website <http://www.coanet.org/front3/page.cfm?sect=54> to access the regulations. COA will provide applicants with a Hague manual that will include a formatted version of the standards, instructions and policies related to Hague Accreditation and Approval, and information about the evidence required to demonstrate compliance with the standards.

Question: **Do we have to provide evidence of compliance with the standards to COA by November 17th if we want to be in the first round of applicants?**

Answer: No, the Self-Study process begins after you have completed the application process.