

Adoption Checklist

I. Adoption Overview

- Domestic Infant Adoption
- Foster Care Adoption
- International Adoption
- Kinship / Step-parent

II. Adoption Process Checklist

- Choose adoption type
- Select agency or attorney
- Complete home study
- Submit background checks
- Attend required training
- Create adoption profile
- Matching and placement
- Post-placement supervision
- Finalization in court

III. Document Binder Checklist

- Homestudy Approval
- Background Check Receipts
- Medical Forms
- Financial Documents
- Court Paperwork
- Agency Agreements
- Travel Documents
- Child Medical Reports
- Final Decree of Adoption

IV. Adoption Tax Credit Checklist

- Confirm eligibility
- Gather adoption expense receipts
- Home study costs
- Attorney/legal fees
- Agency fees
- Travel costs
- Court fees
- Prepare Form 8839
- Know carryover rules

V. Adoption Expense Worksheet

Expense Type	Amount	Date Paid	Notes

VI. Notes