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# Adoption of a foreign child - requesting the conversion of a weak adoption into a strong adoption

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99013002024001
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Adoption of a foreign child - requesting the conversion of a weak adoption into a strong adoption
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Adoption of a foreign child - requesting the conversion of a weak adoption into a strong adoption
Typisierung	2/3 - Bund: Regelung (2 oder 3), Land/Kommune: Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Baden-Württemberg
Freigabestatus Katalog	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	
Leistungsgruppierung	

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Verrichtungskennung	
SDG-Informationsbereich	
Lagen Portalverbund	
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	
Fachlich freigegeben am	
Fachlich freigegeben durch	
Handlungsgrundlage	Adoptionswirkungsgesetz (AdWirkG): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• § 3 Umwandlungsausspruch</li> <li>• § 6 Zuständigkeit und Verfahren</li> </ul>
Teaser	Have you adopted a child abroad?
Volltext	Have you adopted a child abroad?  If this adoption only has weak effects, you can have it converted into an adoption with strong effects in Germany.  Many countries only recognise adoption with weak effects. This means that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the adopted child is not fully legally integrated into the adoptive family and</li> <li>• the legal ties to the family of origin are not completely severed.</li> </ul> Furthermore, the adopted child does not automatically receive German citizenship if one of the adopters is German.
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notarised application for conversion of the adoption</li> <li>• foreign adoption decision and certificate</li> <li>• the declarations of consent of the biological parents, usually in notarised form</li> <li>• Social report from the foreign youth welfare office</li> </ul> As a rule, the competent authority will request further documents on the personal circumstances of the

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	<p>parties involved. Please submit these in good time.</p> <p>Note: In most cases, foreign documents with over-certification are required,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• by the competent foreign authority (apostille) or</li> <li>• Legalisation by the German diplomatic mission abroad.</li> </ul>
Voraussetzungen	<p>You have adopted a child abroad.</p> <p>The court will pronounce the adoption with strong effect if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this is in the best interests of the child,</li> <li>• the necessary consent to an adoption with an effect terminating the parent-child relationship has been granted and</li> <li>• there are no overriding interests of the wife, husband or children of the adopter or the adopted child to the contrary.</li> </ul> <p>Your adopted child then has all the rights and obligations of a natural child. In addition, if they are under the age of 18 at the time of the application, they will receive German citizenship if you or your wife or husband are German citizens.</p>
Kosten	The amount of the court and notary fees is based on the statutory provisions.
Verfahrensablauf	<p>You must submit a notarised application for conversion to the competent authority.</p> <p>The court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• examines the application and</li> <li>• involves the following during the proceedings the adoption agency involved, the local youth welfare office and the central adoption centre of the state youth welfare office.</li> </ul>
Bearbeitungsdauer	
Frist	none

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weiterführende Informationen	
Hinweise	If necessary, please seek advice from a notary or lawyer.
Rechtsbehelf	In the event of a negative court decision, please seek legal advice.
Kurztext	
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	
Ursprungsportal	