



## Mexico

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### Notice: Adoption Service Providers Authorized in Mexico

The Mexican Central Authority (MCA) has provided the U.S. Central Authority (USCA) with information clarifying its process to authorize U.S.-based Hague accredited adoption service providers (ASPs) to provide adoption services in Mexico.

All prospective adoptive parents seeking to complete an intercountry adoption in Mexico must work with an ASP that has been authorized by a competent Mexican authority on either the national or state level. The national office of the Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF) provides national authorization of ASPs. In addition, state DIF offices do not have to recognize national authorizations and have the discretion to provide state-level authorizations to ASPs.

The MCA has informed us that, to date, only one ASP, Carolina Adoptions, has been authorized at the national level by national DIF. Twenty-nine Mexican states, plus the Federal District, have confirmed that they will accept Carolina Adoptions' national authorization (please see the MCA [state-by-state list](#) provided).

The state of Jalisco does not accept Carolina Adoptions' national authorization, but has authorized Across the World Adoptions to operate there. The state of Nuevo Leon indicates that it does not process intercountry adoptions.

Please note that because state DIF offices may authorize additional ASPs on a case-by-case basis, prospective adoptive parents (or their ASPs) must contact the DIF office in the relevant state to confirm whether a specific ASP has authorization, as well as provide USCIS, National Benefits Center, with proof of that authorization from the state level at the time of filing their case.

Please note that Carolina Adoptions has informed the USCA that due to its full workload of pending cases it is not able to take on new Mexican cases at this time. The National DIF informed us that several additional U.S.-based Hague Accredited ASPs are in process and pending authorization by the National DIF. As soon as we receive updated information we will publish additional public announcements.

The USCA will continue to work with the MCA to clarify how best to confirm that prospective adoptive parents are working with an authorized provider as authorizations continue to be granted at both the national and state levels, and more information will be provided at a later date.