



## Democratic Republic of the Congo

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### Alert: Democratic Republic of the Congo Immigration Authorities Announce Limited Exceptions to Exit Permit Suspension

This notice updates the Department of State's [September 27 adoption alert](#) regarding the suspension of issuance of exit permits to adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

On October 3, the Congolese Ministry of Interior and Security, General Direction of Migration (*Direction Generale d'Immigration*, DGM) informed the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa that it will issue exit permits to adopted Congolese children who received immigrant visas for travel to the United States *before* the September 25, 2013, suspension effective date. Adoptive parents whose Congolese children received U.S. immigrant visas before September 25 must apply in person to the DGM's Administrative Secretary for the exit permits. Please note there is no fee for the service, and the DGM usually takes a minimum of seven days to process each request for an exit permit for an adopted Congolese child to depart the country with his/her adoptive parents. The DGM Administrative Secretary may be reached at:

Mr. Albert Luyinu, Administrative Secretary  
Direction Generale d'Immigration  
65, Boulevard du 30 juin,  
Commune de la Gombe  
Ville de Kinshasa, R.D.Congo

The DGM further clarified that it will not issue exit permits for children adopted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo who received, or will receive, immigrant visas on or after September 25 until the DGM lifts the suspension. The suspension of exit permit issuances for adopted Congolese children applies to all intercountry adoptions and is not limited to adoptions by U.S. citizens. These exit permits are required in addition to U.S. immigrant visas in order for adopted Congolese children to travel to the United States.

Please direct questions related to this alert or a specific adoption from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the Department of State, Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States. Email inquiries may be directed to [AskCI@state.gov](mailto:AskCI@state.gov). We will also post new information as it becomes available on [www.adoption.state.gov](http://www.adoption.state.gov).