

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PENNSYLVANIA**

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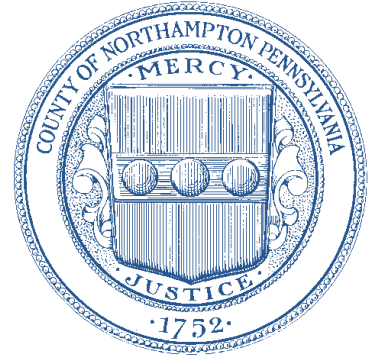
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**REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN ADOPTION DECREE**  
**Rule 15.8. - REQUIREMENTS**



- 1. Petitioner must be a resident of Northampton County.
- 2. File a Petition to Register a Foreign Adoption Decree
- 3. **(FILING Fee \$85.25 – Includes JCP Fee).**
- 4. Proposed Order (Must have child's name BEFORE ADOPTION).
- 5. Include [FORM HDO1273F](#) (Certificate of Adoption).
- 6. Include [FORM HD01275F](#) (Statement of Citizenship and Residency).
- 7. Include [FORM H105.102](#) (Application for new birth Certificate).
- 8. A copy of Petitioner(s) Driver's License.
- 9. Copy of the Child's United States VISA.
- 10. A **Certified** copy of the foreign Adoption Decree.
- 11. A Certified copy of the child's birth Certificate.
- 12. If no birth certificate was issued, a certified copy of any other identification issued by the COUNTRY OF BIRTH (Apostille or Notarized by Consulate of that Country).
- 13. If you cannot obtain any birth identification, you must provide an affidavit stating the reasons why you are not able to produce this document.
- 14. File with the Clerk of Orphans' Court to assign a case number.
- 15. At the time of filing we will provide you with a hearing date.
- 16. Foreign adoption is full and final if [VISA type](#) is (IR2 or IR3) NEED PROOF.
- 17. IF Available, need copy of child's US Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560)
- 18. **IF THE TYPE OF VISA IS IR4** – File proof that Adoption was completed in PA ([Form H105.091](#)).