

**La Vida International Supplemental Information
for South Africa Fee Schedule 102013**

**Please See Standard Fee Schedule for
Summary Information and an Example of Typical Cost of an Adoption**

The fees and costs below are presented in conformance to U.S. Hague regulations; and the information presented represents all fees and costs currently possible for families enrolled in this adoption program. The total fees and costs that any one family will pay are not arrived at by adding together all amounts presented in the full list below. Certain fees and costs will not apply to every family or are optional. The total fees and costs will be less than the sum of every item listed.

Fee/Cost Category	Amount	Estimated Payment Date
Preliminary Application	\$0	n/a
Formal Application Fee	\$550	At application submittal
*Home Study / Home Study Update		
Home Study prepared by La Vida International	\$2,050	Home study services are payable prior to initiation of home visit by a social worker
Home Study update prepared by La Vida international	\$1,000	Home study update services are payable prior to initiation of home visit by a social worker
Home Study prepared by an agency other than La Vida (non-PA residents)	Varies depending upon state and selected agency	Please consult your home study provider for timing of payment of this fee
Home Study Update prepared by an agency other than La Vida International	Varies depending upon state and selected agency	Please consult your home study provider for timing of payment of this fee
Home Study review (non-PA residents)	\$600	Payable prior to review of the home study
Home Study Addendum (PA residents, requiring home visit)	\$400	Payable prior to initiation of the addendum
Home Study Addendum (PA residents not requiring home visit)	\$250	Payable prior to initiation of the addendum

<p>Immigration Processing Fee – Collected by the agency on behalf of the attorney and is payable near the completion of the home study. Hague regulations limit who can provide legal services and as a result, the agency uses its attorney to advise, prepare documents, file applications, and monitor cases on behalf of adopting families. These services include: advising family; preparing and filing of an initial (family specific) application and a subsequent (child specific) application; ongoing efforts and communications as typically necessary during the processing of immigration applications; and monitoring of the various approval processes and notifications associated with these approvals.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>	<p>Payable to La Vida near the completion of your home study.</p>
<p>***Adoption Expenses in the U.S. (includes without limitation, personnel, administrative overhead, operational costs, education, communications and publications)</p>	<p>\$9,350</p>	<p>Payable to La Vida International in a staggered manner.</p> <p>\$550 payable upon submittal of formal agency application.</p> <p>\$5,600 upon application acceptance and initiation of the case.</p> <p>\$3,200 due prior to submission of dossier, which generally takes place 3 to 4 months after initiation of the adoption case.</p>
<p>Family Preparation Services This fee includes, but is not limited to work with family to prepare, educate, and document family's preparation for parenting children with special needs and for parenting children under special circumstances. These services also include preparation of materials and profiles that are designed to assist with the presentation of the family for adoption consideration by the</p>	<p>\$750</p>	<p>Payable shortly before your dossier is completed. This is generally approximately 4 to 5 months after beginning the process.</p>

foreign country and others involved in the adoption matching process.		
Foreign Service Provider Costs	<p>All fees are payable to La Vida International and the amount paid must convert to the South African Rand amounts listed below. Based on the exchange rate at the time of payment, the U.S. dollar amounts cited below will vary slightly and wire transfer costs will be added to total SA currency amounts stated below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">South African Section 249 and 250 Legal and Required Immigration Health Related Fees:</p> <p>\$ R 60 420 Legal Fee, 30 hours @ R 1500/hour including appearance fee. At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$6,136.</p> <p>\$ R 3750 Travel Costs for Attorney. At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$400.</p> <p>\$ R 2401 Mandatory Medical Services for Child. At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$244.</p> <p>\$ R 1 639 Special Needs Adoption of child who is HIV + (Mandatory immigration required testing) At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$166.</p> <p>\$ R 854 Special Needs Adoption of child who previously had Tuberculosis. (Mandatory immigration required testing) At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$87.</p> <p>\$ R 1 205 Special Needs Adoption of child who has a diagnosis of Hepatitis B + (Mandatory immigration required testing) At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$122.</p> <p>Assessment of child as required/needed. Where possible, prior consent of parents will be sought prior to test initiation. Costs</p>	<p>\$ R 30 000 is payable to La Vida at completion of home study.</p> <p>\$ R 36 571 payable to La Vida upon acceptance of child referral.</p>

	<p>vary according to test/assessment.</p> <p>Total - \$ R 66 571, excluding medical test costs deemed necessary or desired. At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$6,764.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">South African Regulation 107 Professional Service Fees:</p> <p>\$ R 25 000 Dossier Submission Fee</p> <p>\$ R 5 000 to \$ R 28 400 Child Acceptance Fee</p> <p>Total – \$ R 30 000 to \$ R 53 400 . At time of publication the U.S. equivalent is \$3,064 to \$5,454.</p>	<p>Payable to La Vida at completion of home study.</p> <p>Payable to La Vida at time of child acceptance.</p>
Wire Transfer and Shipping Costs for Each of the Foreign Service Provider payments	\$400	\$200 at dossier submittal and \$200 at acceptance of child.
Translation and Document Expenses	\$0	n/a
Cost to obtain vital records (birth, marriage, divorce certificates etc)	\$10 to \$30 per document	Payable to the record issuer early in the process as you prepare your dossier.
PA residents criminal and child abuse clearances (for each adult residing in the home age 18+; costs vary in other states	\$47.50 per adult household member	Payable to the authority conducting the clearance checks early in the process in preparation for home study and dossier.
Shipping Fees for dossier, post placement reports, child's photo book.	\$400	Payable to La Vida prior to dossier submittal.
Copying records	\$0 (not required / we request that applicants photocopy original documents prior to submittal to the agency)	n/a
Passport (payment will be made directly to the authority issuing the passport)	\$100/per parent if needed	Payable early in the process as a part of dossier preparation.

Adoption Certificate	\$0	
**Certification/review of Documents Service Fee (paid to La Vida)	<p>\$300 to \$750 – Please see note below for information about document shipping and certification fees.</p> <p>Additional costs vary according to family circumstances and will include shipping fees and the cost of document certification at the state and sometimes, county levels.</p> <p>These costs will vary according to 1.) the number of documents in your dossier, 2.) state of origin of the document (for vital records) or the state in which the notary is commissioned (all other documents), and 3.) the number of states to which your documents are sent.</p> <p>If you are utilizing La Vida's full document certification service we will assess your document needs and bill you accordingly.</p>	<p>\$750 is payable to La Vida with request for agency to review dossier documents and obtain all necessary seals on your documents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>\$300 document review fee is payable with notification of applicant(s)' intention to obtain all necessary apostille seals on dossier documents.</p>
****Post Placement Services 6 visits	<p>\$500 per visit for all families. Non-PA families will be reimbursed \$300 per report upon timely submission of the report and supporting documents/photos.</p> <p>La Vida also retains the right to recommend additional post placement reports based on the adjustment of the child and family. The adoptive family will be responsible for the costs related to any additional Bethany reports that are recommended to be completed. The same rate will apply.</p>	Payable within 1 week of acceptance of child.
Third Party Fees United States Citizenship and Immigration Service Fee	\$890 (includes finger printing for 2 adult household members)	Payable near the completion of your home study which generally takes place 3 to 4 months after beginning.
U.S. Consulate processing fees	\$230	Payable at time of child acceptance. Payable directly to the online

Hague Convention required online adoption preparation training	\$135 per applicant	providers at the time of class registration.
Travel and Accommodation Expenses (2 adults)	<p>Travel Costs (2 adults): \$11,400 - \$14,700</p> <p>Air fare (estimated) \$3,600 - \$4,500</p> <p>Air fare (estimated) for child - \$ 800 - \$1,200</p> <p>Car Rental \$65 per day (fuel not included) – Estimated total is \$2,275 to \$2,730</p> <p>Hotel (based on a 5 to 6 week stay – \$125 per day for 2 adults – Estimated total is \$4,375 to \$5,250</p> <p>Additional Costs: Food, Fuel, Sightseeing, Tipping, Souvenirs at family's discretion</p>	Payable upon travel.

Refund Policy Included in general information portfolio.

*Home studies for non-PA residents will be prepared by exempt providers.

**La Vida offers full complete certification services which includes cost of document apostille seals, processing and courier/shipping services. If a family chooses to obtain seals on their own, a review fee of \$300 will apply. The direct costs of self-certification vary based on origin of the documents and number of documents.

***Occasionally, sibling sets by birth or “psychological” siblings whose placement together is recommended are in need of families. In cases where sibling sets or unrelated “psychological siblings” are adopted, adoption expenses in the U.S. will increase by \$8,800 and Wandisa fees will increase by approximately \$ R 84,800 for the second child. This foreign provider fee can vary. Fees will be due at the time of child acceptance. Costs or any required, desired, or necessary medical testing will be adjusted accordingly. Lastly, if two or more unrelated children are adopted a separate USCIS Form I-800 application is required for each child and payment of the USCIS application fee will be required for each child beyond the first.

If a family chooses to go on hold during the process and, due to aging of documents, it is necessary to update documents and obtain new seals, then additional per document charges will apply. Per document charges vary according to state of origin. Additionally, families re-activating a file after a period of hold status may incur an agency service charge of between \$250 and \$500 for re-processing of documents, communications with foreign government central authorities, foreign representatives, and shipping.

****Post placement service costs will vary for non-PA residents based upon the fee schedules of the post placement service provider. For non-PA residents, upon timely receipt of the report and required supplemental documentation, \$300 per child/per report will be refunded or, if requested payment will be made directly to the agency providing post placement services.

If information requested on the adoption application is omitted either intentionally or accidentally and such omission requires future duplicate or new work efforts on the part of the agency, the agency reserves the right to charge for such services. In general these services shall not exceed \$300.

U.S. and overseas costs may change at any time. La Vida does not customarily change agency fees.