

Definition and Classification of Special Needs Children for the purpose of INTER COUNTRY ADOPTION
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In accordance with the Article 15A. Of Terms and Conditions and Process for Granting Approval for Adoption of Nepali child by an Alien (First Amendment), 2067 (2010), the Ministry has defined and Classified the special needs children as mentioned below:

Definition: Children who need more care, concern and love from the parents due to the abnormal medical, Physical, emotional, and developmental condition and sometime due to their special circumstances Older age

children living under special conditions

Classification:

Category-1

Older children over 6 years/Sibling/Twins group

Category-2

Low Birth weight

Category-3

Children with following Conditions:

- ♂ Acute Ricketts
- ♂ Blind
- ♂ Blood disorders
- ♂ Brain Lesion
- ♂ Burns
- ♂ Chronic Asthma
- ♂ Chronic Eczema
- ♂ Cleft Lip-Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip
- ♂ Colostomy
- ♂ Deaf
- ♂ Diabetes
- ♂ Dwarfism
- ♂ Ectodermal displacia (no sweat glands)
- ♂ Epilepsy (does not include fever induced Convulsions)
- ♂ Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- ♂ Fingers-toes missing
- ♂ Hare lip
- ♂ Heart conditions of a severe nature
- ♂ Hemophilia
- ♂ Hepatitis B+
- ♂ Ichthyosis (Collodian baby)
- ♂ Indeterminate sex
- ♂ Limbs Missing
- ♂ Microcephaly
- ♂ Neurological disorders
- ♂ Paralysis
- ♂ Partially Blind
- ♂ Partially Deaf
- ♂ Pier Robin Syndrome (no tongue)
- ♂ Polio
- ♂ Severe disfiguring birth marks
- ♂ Severe Orthopedic conditions

- ⌘ Severe Seizure disorders
- ⌘ Speech dysfunction-dysphasia
- ⌘ Spina Bifida
- ⌘ Thalasemia Major

Category-4

Prior traumatic background, disruption, long institutional care, difficult circumstances, psychiatric and mentally challenged parentage.

Note: Older Child means the child above 6 years of age up to 16 years of age.