

B Child Citizenship

A foreign born and adopted abroad child with at least one U.S. citizen parent. The child automatically acquires citizenship when they meet criteria of the Child Citizenship Act of 2000 (CCA). The CCA went into effect on February 27, 2001. The CCA was passed to expedite the citizenship process for foreign born and adopted abroad children with at least one U.S. citizen parent.

Consider the child a citizen effective the date they meet ALL of the following requirements, but no earlier than February 27, 2001:

- The parent is a citizen by birth, or is naturalized.
- The child is under the age of 18.
- The child immigrates to the U.S. and has lawful permanent resident status.
- The child lives in the legal and physical custody of the U.S. citizen parent.
- An adopted abroad child acquires U.S. citizen status effective the date the child meets all the previously listed CCA requirements, and the full and final adoption is completed.