

China Acronym List

AAC (Adoption for All Children) Adoption & Family Network

CCCWA: China Center for Child Welfare and Adoption

PA: Pre-Approval/Permission to Adopt (this is where we pre-approve you for the match)

I-800a: First step in applying for Immigration Approval (this step approves you to adopt internationally)

797: this is the immigration approval notice

USCIS: United States Citizenship & Immigration Services

LOI: Letter of Intent (the letter you write formally requesting to adopt a child from China)

DTC: Dossier To China

LID: Log In Date (this is the date that CCCWA will give us once they get your dossier and enter all of the information into their system)

LOA: Letter of Acceptance (official matching paperwork from CCCWA)

LSC: Letter Seeking Confirmation (same as above)

I-800: Second Step for Immigration (this time it is approving you for this specific child's adoption)

NVC: National Visa Center Letter (this will come shortly after you get your I800 approval)

A5: Article 5 (all of the documents that we have collected from you and your child's medicals will go to the consulate now for final approval.

TA: Travel Approval (everything has been approved and you are now given the official invitation to come to China)

CA: Consulate Appointment (this is while you are in China)

CCAA: China Centre for Adoption Affairs (in China)

CoC: Certificate of Citizenship

PPR: Post Placement Reports

FAD: Foreign Adoption Decree

DOB: Date Of Birth

DOA: Date of Adoption

HS: Home Study

NSF: Non-Special Focus (these are considered by CCCWA to be the mild special needs cases) Families have to be LID before they can review these referrals

SF: Special Focus (these are considered by CCCWA to be the more moderate to severe special needs cases or older children) Families can review these files at any time.

SW: Social Worker

SN: Special Needs

WC: Waiting Child (this is the program name for the Special Needs Adoptions)

There are many more that others use