

Adoption Types in Newfoundland and Labrador

- Domestic
- Interprovincial
- Intercountry
- Step-Parent / Relative / Persons with Permanent Custody
- Adult



The Department of Child, Youth and Family Services is committed to ensuring children who are available for adoption are placed in permanent homes in a timely manner. The department is also seeking to increase the number of available homes for children who have complex needs.

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2013

Adoption Act, 2013 SNL2013 cA-3.1

To provide for new and permanent family ties through adoption while, in every respect, giving paramount consideration to the best interests of the child.

For the quarter ending March 31, 2015:

- There were 15 adoptions (domestic, interprovincial and/or intercountry) finalized in court.
- There were 60 families approved to become adoptive parents.

Highlights of Adoption Act, 2013:

Expands the definition of relative to include parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or first cousin of a birth parent or a child by birth or adoption.

Allows a person who has permanent custody of a child and has had custody of that child under a permanent or temporary court order for at least two years to adopt in the same manner as a relative or step-parent.

Removes the six month residency requirement for prospective adoptive parents. However, the prospective adoptive parent will still be required to be a resident of the province and the child must have lived with them for at least six months before the adoption order is granted.

Provides for adult adoption, which refers to the ability to adopt a person 19 years of age or older.

Enhances post adoption services by improving search and reunion services.



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