

# Adopt a related child

You want to adopt a related child? The adoption center advises and accompanies you through the next steps. Here you can learn more about the process.

## Competent Department

- [Adoptionsstelle Bremen](#)

## Basic information

In a relative adoption, a related child, such as a niece, nephew or grandchild, is adopted. In contrast to full adoption, only the child's relationship to both natural parents is terminated, but not that to his or her other relatives.

Whether the adopting parents are suitable and the best interests of the child can be guaranteed must be examined just as carefully as in the case of adoption by a third party. The best interests of the child always come first. A parent-child relationship must be created by the adoption.

## Requirements

The prerequisite is a relationship up to the 3rd degree. In contrast to full adoption, only the relationship of the child to both natural parents is extinguished, but not that to his or her other relatives.

Otherwise, the same conditions apply as in the case of adoption of a foreign child.

## Procedure

- The adoption agency advises all parties involved
- The application is filed with the family court
- The need for adoption and suitability are examined
- The family court decides on the adoption

## Legal bases

- [§ 9 Abs. 1 oder Abs. 2 Adoptionsvermittlungsgesetz \(AdVermiG\)](#)