

Adoption

Adoption is based on voluntary, regulated by law, recognition of a biologically alien child as one's own. It is, in other words, adoption. Only a minor, i.e. one who is under 18 years of age, can be subject to it, and only for their good. A person with full legal capacity may adopt if his/her personal qualifications justify the belief that he/she will properly perform the obligations of the adopter. Only spouses can adopt jointly. Adoption takes place by a decision of the guardianship court at the request of the adopter. Adoption requires the consent of the adoptee who is over thirteen years of age. The guardianship court should hear an adoptee who has not reached the age of thirteen if he or she can understand the meaning of adoption. The guardianship court may, due to special circumstances, order adoption despite the lack of consent of the parents, whose legal capacity is limited, if the refusal to consent to the adoption is manifestly contrary to the best interests of the child.