

## **ADOPTION TAX CREDIT**

(March 10, 2010). As tax season is upon us, the Adoption Council of Canada (ACC) wants to remind the adoption community of the adoption-related expenses that may be claimed. This information is courtesy of the Canada Revenue Agency website.

### **Line 313 - Adoption expenses**

As a parent, you can claim an amount for eligible adoption expenses related to the adoption of a child who is under 18 years of age. The maximum claim for each child is \$10,909. You can claim these incurred expenses in the tax year that includes the end of the adoption period in respect of the child.

### **Are your expenses eligible?**

*Eligible adoption expenses that you can claim are:*

- fees paid to an adoption agency licensed by a provincial or territorial government (an "adoption agency");
- court costs and legal and administrative expenses related to an adoption order in respect of the child;
- reasonable and necessary travel and living expenses of the child and the adoptive parents;
- document translation fees;
- mandatory fees paid to a foreign institution;
- mandatory expenses paid in respect of the immigration of that child; and
- any other reasonable expenses related to the adoption that are required by a provincial or territorial government or an adoption agency.

### **Did your expenses happen during the adoption period?**

#### **The adoption period:**

- **begins at the earlier of:**
  - the time that the eligible child's adoption file is opened with a provincial or territorial ministry responsible for adoption (or with an adoption agency licensed by a provincial or territorial government); and
  - the time, if any, that an application related to the adoption is made to a Canadian court; **and**
- **ends at the later of:**
  - the time an adoption order is issued by, or recognized by, a government in Canada in respect of that child; and
  - the time that the child first begins to reside permanently with you.

#### **Questions?**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your tax return, please contact the Canada Revenue Agency directly: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/cntct/menu-eng.html>