

ADOPTION INVESTIGATOR

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa, Chapter 441-107

Job Description Adoption investigators conduct background reports on birth parents, adoption pre-placement investigations, post-placement supervision and report to the court within the State of Iowa.

Education & Experience Required One of the following requirements must be met: graduate of a four-year accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, counseling, family therapy, family living or other family-oriented degree plus three years of full-time adoption experience; or, master's degree in social work, psychology, counseling, family therapy, family living or other family-oriented program from an accredited four-year college or university plus one year of full-time adoption experience.

Prior to certification, the applicant must prepare a written statement identifying the proposed activities, duties and fees of the applicant as a certified adoption investigator. No fewer than four actual cases or twenty percent of the individual's caseload is reviewed in the renewal process.

Continuing Education There are no continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Examination There are no examinations required.

Fees Application: None
Duration: Two Years
Renewal: None
Exam: None

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 21-1021 – Child, Family and School Social Workers (\$16.90)

Number of Total number of licenses active as of December 31,

Licenses	2002: 41
Issued	2001: 38
	2000-1999: N/A
	1998: 14