

# LEGAL SERVICE

## INTERNATIONAL PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION

ISS Australia's Legal Service provides free expert legal assistance to parents whose children have been taken or kept overseas without consent, or who are seeking access to children living overseas. We also assist parents with questions about preventing the removal of their children from Australia.



### LEGAL ADVICE



We can provide advice about reducing the risk of children being taken out of Australia, seeking the return of children to Australia, seeing contact with children who are living overseas and seeking to relocate with your children overseas. We can provide advice to caregivers of children, as well as professionals who may wish to consult with an expert.



### CASEWORK SERVICES



We can assist parents to prepare applications under the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction for the return of their children from overseas and access to their children overseas.

We can also assist parents to prepare applications under Australia's Bilateral Agreements with Egypt and Lebanon.



### OUR COMMITMENT



Our Legal Service is committed to offering high quality, expert legal advice on international parental child abduction, with an emphasis on providing compassionate client care.

Where appropriate, we can make referrals to the International Parental Child Abduction Social Work Support Service and for additional support.

# ABOUT ISS AUSTRALIA

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International Social Service (ISS) Australia is an independent, national not-for-profit organisation with over 50 years' experience supporting children and connecting families across the world.

ISS Australia works with those who are separated by international borders, with an emphasis on the rights and best interests of the child. ISS Australia is part of the international ISS network spanning over 130 countries, based in Geneva, with advisory status at the United Nations.

For more information about our other services, please visit our website [www.iss.org.au](http://www.iss.org.au).

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