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## 8839 OMB No. 1545-0074 **Qualified Adoption Expenses** Form 20 21 ► Attach to Form 1040, 1040-SR, or 1040-NR. Department of the Treasury Attachment Internal Revenue Service (99)

Name(s) shown on return

Part I

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▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form8839 for instructions and the latest information.

Sequence No. 38 Your social security number

Information About Your Eligible	Child or C	hildren —	You <b>must</b>	complete	e this part.	
See instructions for details, includ	ling what to	do if you	need mor	re space.		
<b>(a)</b> Child's name		Check if child was-				(g)
	<b>(b)</b> Child's year of birth	(c) born before 2004 and	<b>(d)</b> a child with special	<b>(e)</b> a foreign	<b>(f)</b> Child's identifying number	Check if adoption became final in

	First	Last	disabled	needs	child	2021 of earlie
Child 1						
Child 2						
Child 3						

Caution: If the child was a foreign child, see Special rules in the instructions for line 1, column (e), before you complete Part II or Part III. If you received employer-provided adoption benefits, complete Part III on the back next.

Part II	Adoption	Credit
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			Child 1	Child	2	Child 3			
2	Maximum adoption credit per child. Enter \$14,440 (see instructions)	2							
3	Did you file Form 8839 for a prior year for the same child?  No. Enter -0								
	See instructions for the amount to								
	enter.	3							
4	Subtract line 3 from line 2	4							
5	Qualified adoption expenses (see instructions)	5							
	<b>Caution</b> : Your qualified adoption expenses may not be equal to the adoption expenses you paid in 2021.								
6	Enter the smaller of line 4 or line 5	6							
7	Enter modified adjusted gross income (see instructions)				7				
8	Is line 7 more than \$216,660?								
	<b>No.</b> Skip lines 8 and 9, and enter -0- on line 10.								
	□ Yes. Subtract \$216,660 from line 7				8				
9	Divide line 8 by \$40,000. Enter the result as a decim	nal (r	ounded to at	least thr	ee pl	aces).			
	Do not enter more than 1.000						9	×	•
10	Multiply each amount on line 6 by line 9	10							
11	Subtract line 10 from line 6	11							
12	Add the amounts on line 11						12		
13	Credit carryforward, if any, from prior years. See your A	dopt	ion Credit Car	ryforwarc	l Wor	ksheet in the			
	2020 Form 8839 instructions						13		
14	Add lines 12 and 13						14		
15	Enter the amount from line 5 of the Credit Limit Workshe	et in	the instruction	ns			15		
16	Adoption Credit. Enter the smaller of line 14 or line 15 h line 15 is smaller than line 14, you may have a credit car			•		<i>,</i> .	16		
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TIP

Pari	Employer-Provided Adoption Benefits		Child	1	Chile	12	Child	3		
7	Maximum exclusion per child. Enter \$14,440 (see instructions)	17	Unite				- Crinic			
8	Did you receive employer-provided adoption benefits for a prior year for the same child? <b>No.</b> Enter -0 <b>Yes.</b> See instructions for the amount to enter.	18								
9	Subtract line 18 from line 17	19								
0	Employer-provided adoption benefits you received in 2021. This amount should be shown in box 12 of your 2021 Form(s) W-2 with code <b>T</b>	20								
1								. 2	21	
2	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 19 or line 20. But if the child was a child with special needs and the adoption became final in 2021, enter the amount from line 19.	22								
3	Enter modified adjusted gross income (from the works the instructions) .	sheet	in . <b>23</b>							
4	Is line 23 more than \$216,660?         □       No. Skip lines 24 and 25, and enter -0- on line 26.         □       Yes. Subtract \$216,660 from line 23		. 24							
5	Divide line 24 by \$40,000. Enter the result as a decima places). Do not enter more than 1.000				st three	25	× .			
6	Multiply each amount on line 22 by line 25									
7	Excluded benefits. Subtract line 26 from line 22	27								
3	Add the amounts on line 27							. 2	28	
9	Taxable benefits. Is line 28 more than line 21?									
	No. Subtract line 28 from line 21. Also, include this line 1 of Form 1040 or 1040-SR or line 1a of line next to line 1 of Form 1040 or 1040-SR enter "AB."	Form	1040-NF	R. On	the dott	ed				
	Yes. Subtract line 21 from line 28. Enter the result a the total you would enter on line 1 of Form 7 Form 1040-NR by the amount on Form 8839, 1 of Form 1040 or 1040-SR or line 1a of Form dotted line next to the entry line.	1040 line 2	or 1040- 9. Enter 1	SR o the re	r line 1a sult on li	of ine		. 2	29	
	You may be able to claim the adoption credit in P	art II	on the fro	ont of	this forn	n if an	y of the fo	llowing	apply.	
	You paid adoption expenses in 2020, those ex	nense	s were r	not fui	llv reimb	ursed	hy your e	mnlove	r or other	wiso

- the adoption was not final by the end of 2020.
- The total adoption expenses you paid in 2021 were not fully reimbursed by your employer or otherwise, and the adoption became final in 2021 or earlier.
- You adopted a child with special needs and the adoption became final in 2021.

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