

## REQUESTING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR A PERSON WHO WAS ADOPTED

### How Do I Request an Uncertified Copy of an Original Birth Certificate of an Adopted Person?

If a new birth certificate is created at the time a person is adopted, the original birth certificate is sealed in a confidential file.

Certain persons are eligible to obtain an uncertified copy of an original birth certificate of an adopted person without a court order. To be eligible you must be the person named on the original birth certificate and at least 18 years old, or such person's adult child or grandchild.

Uncertified copies of original birth certificates are for informational purposes only. It is a superseded certificate that has no legal purpose. It cannot be used for legal proof of identity or as a substitute for an official certified birth certificate.

- If you are eligible to request a copy of an original birth certificate without a court order, complete the [Application For Copy of Original Birth Certificate for Adult Adoptees](#). Submit the completed application to the local registrar of the town where the adopted person was born along with a photocopy of a government issued photographic identification, such as a driver's license, passport, or other government issued photo ID. Do not submit originals. Also, send the applicable fee (\$65). If you are the adopted person's adult child or grandchild, you must also send documentation (such as a birth certificate) verifying the relationship to the registrant.
- Any person other than the adopted person, or the adopted person's adult child or grandchild must obtain a court order allowing the release of the original birth record. After receiving the court order, follow the directions on how to order an original certificate of an adopted person mentioned above. Be sure to include the original court order along with your application.

Requests for Original Birth Certificates of Adopted Persons are processed by the local registrar of the town where the person was born. Original records of adopted persons may be stored off-site and may not be immediately available for walk-in service at the local registrar office. Contact the Town where adopted person was born for information or complete and mail this form with payment to Town of Birth. You should contact the CT Department of Public Health if the town where person was born is unable to locate an original birth certificate. The \$65 fee will be returned to the requester if record is not found.

### Health History of Biological Family

Health History information related to the adopted person's birth family may be available at the Department of Children and Families. Also, there may be a form on file at the Department of Children and Families indicating whether a birth parent would like to have contact with the adopted person, or the adopted person's child or grandchild. To find out whether this information is available and to obtain this information go to the [Department of Children and Families website](#) or contact them at:

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