

ADOPTIONS

Instructions for Adult Adoptions

THERE ARE NO PRE-PRINTED FORMS FOR AN ADULT ADOPTION

Enclosed is a Sample format for your convenience. ALL documents **MUST** be double-spaced **AND** typed on 28-lined pleading paper. Sample should **NOT** be used as forms

- ✓ Prepare 1 (one) original **AND** 2 (two) copies of *The Petition for Adoption* (**MUST BE NOTARIZED**), attach *Verification* (Review Fam Code § 9321)
- ✓ Prepare 1 (one) original **AND** 2 (two) copies of *The Agreement of Adoption* (Review Fam Code § 9303)
*Note: If attaching the Agreement of Adoption to Petition as an exhibit, make an additional copy
- ✓ Prepare 1 (one) original **AND** 2 (two) copies of *The Consent of Spouse Adopting Party*, attach *Verification*
*Note: If attaching the Consent of Spouse of Adopting Party to Petition as an exhibit, make an additional copy
- ✓ Prepare 1 (one) original **AND** 2 (two) copies of *The Consent of Spouse of person being Adopted (if applicable)*, attach *Verification*
*Note: If attaching the Consent of Spouse of person being adopted to Petition as an exhibit, make an additional copy
- ✓ Prepare 1 (one) *Adoption Agreement* (ADOPT-210)
- ✓ Prepare 1 (one) original **AND** 2 (two) copies of *Decree of Adult Adoption*
- ✓ Prepare 1 (one) original of the *Notice of Lodging*, Original Certified Birth Certificate **MUST** be attached.
*Note: Upon completion of case, the attached document may be returned to the filing party upon request
- ✓ Prepare 2 (two) originals of *The Court Report Adoption (VS-44)*, *If the family wants to amend the original birth certificate*
- ✓ Filing Fee is \$ 20.00 – Make Check Payable to: Kern County Superior Court

Important

After the Petition for Adoption, Agreement of Adoption, Consent of Spouse of Adoption Party and Consent of Spouse of Person being adopted is filed, a hearing may be set

***MUST** provide case number to schedule adoption hearing*

Contact Adoption Clerk at (661)-868-5405

SAMPLES

1 Your name
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN

In the Matter of the Adoption of) No. BAD-
(full name of adoptee on birth certificate)) PETITION FOR ADOPTION
An Adult Person) (Adult)

1. (Full name of adopting parent(s) and (full name of adoptee(s), petitioners, allege:
That petitioner, (full name of adopting parent) is _____ years of age, having been born
on (birth date), in (City and State of birth) and petitioner, (full name of adopting
parent) is _____ years of age, having been born on (birth date), in (City and State of
birth) and now resides in county of Kern, State of California, and petitioner, (name of
adoptee) is _____ years of age, having been born on (birth date) in (City and State of
birth) and now resides in the County of Kern, State of California.
2. That on or about the _____ day of _____, 20____, petitioners herein did
enter into and execute an agreement in writing wherein and whereby petitioner, (name of
adopting parent(s) agreed to adopt (name of adoptee), the latter agreed to be adopted
by the former, and the parties agreed to assume towards each other the legal relation of
parent and child and to have all of the rights and be subject to all of the duties and
responsibilities of that relation; that an exact copy of said Agreement of Adoption is
attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part hereof as though
set out in full herein.

(Put your own information in the following third and fourth paragraph). (Do not type the words of the
paragraph).

1 3. The petition for adoption shall state the length and nature of the relationship
2 between the person seeking to adopt and the proposed adoptee; the degree of
3 kinship, if any; the reason the adoption is sought, together with a statement as to
4 why the adoption would be in the best interests of the person seeking to adopt, the
5 proposed adoptee, and the public, the names and addresses of any living parents or
6 adult children of the proposed adoptee; and whether the person seeking to adopt or
7 his or her spouse has previously adopted and other adult person and, if so, the
8 names of any such person, together with the date and place of the adoption.

9 4. (State herein marital histories of petitioners, adopting parents and adoptee,
10 including dates and places of dissolution, if any; if not married, please so state.)

11 5. That the respective spouse of each petitioner herein has heretofore, in writing, duly
12 consented to such adoption; that exact copies of the consents of each spouse are attached
13 hereto, marked Exhibits "B" and "C" respectively, and by this reference made a part
14 hereof as though set out in full herein.

15 6. That petitioner, (name of adopting parent(s) desires to adopt said (name of adoptee),
16 and give said (name of adoptee) the name of (new name of adoptee) and petitioner
17 (name of adoptee) desires to be so adopted and to be given such name.

18 WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray the Court to permit all persons concerned in this
19 matter to attend and be heard, and that the Court examine all persons thus appearing
20 before it as required by law, and if satisfied that the best interest of the parties and the
21 public interest will be promoted by the adoption proposed, grant said petition, approve
22 said Agreement of Adoption, and make an order that said adult person (name of
23 adoptee) has been duly and legally adopted by petitioner, (name of adopting parent(s),
24 and that said (name of adoptee) shall hereafter bear the birth name of (new name of
25 adoptee).

26 (Note: Female adult adoptee, married or single, must either retain original birth name or
27 assume the adopting parent's surname.)
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Dated: _____

Signature of Adopting parent

Dated: _____

Signature of Attorney

Dated: _____

Signature of Adoptee

VERIFICATION
(446, 2015.5 CCP)

I am the petitioner in the above entitled action; I have read the foregoing (title of document(s) and know the contents thereof; and I certify that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matter which are therein stated upon my information or belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ at _____, California.

Signature

1 Your name
2 Your address
3 City, state, zip
4 Your phone #
5 In Pro Per

6 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
7 COUNTY OF KERN

8 In the Matter of the Adoption of (full name of) Case No.: BAD- _____
9 adoptee on birth certificate) } AGREEMENT OF ADOPTION
10 An Adult Person } (Adult)

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13 THIS AGREEMENT, between (full name of adopting parent(s) and (full name of
14 adoptee).

15 WITNESSETH:

16 WHEREAS, (full name of adopting parent) age _____ and (full name of adopting
17 parent) age _____ desires to adopt (full name of adoptee).

18 WHEREAS, (full name of adoptee), age _____ desires to be adopted by (full name of
19 adopting parents); and WHEREAS, the parties desire to assume toward each other the legal
20 relation of parent and child, and to have all of the rights and be subject to all of the duties and
21 responsibilities of that relationship.

22 NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the parties agree as follows:

23 (1) That (full name of adopting parent): (full name of adopting parent) will adopt (full
24 name of adoptee) and (full name of adoptee) will be adopted by (full name of
25 adopting parent(s)).

26 (2) That the parties will assume toward each other the legal relation of parent and child, and
27 agree to be subject to all the duties and responsibilities of that relationship.
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(3) That they will file a Petition for Adoption in the Superior Court of Kern County, praying that said Court will approve this Agreement of Adoption and decree that **(name of adoptee)** is the child of **(name of adopting parent(s))**, and that he bear the name of **(new name of adoptee)**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands this ____ day of _____,
20__ at Bakersfield, California.

Dated: _____

Signature of Adopting Parent

Signature of Adoptee

1 Your name
2 Your address
3 City, state, zip
4 Your phone #
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6 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
7 COUNTY OF KERN

8 In the Matter of the Adoption of) Case No.: BAD-
9 (full name of adoptee on birth certificate),) CONSENT OF SPOUSE OF ADOPTING
10 An Adult Person) PARTY
(Adult)

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13 I, (husband/wife) of one of the petitioners herein, to wit, (name of spouse), the adopting
14 party herein, do hereby fully and freely consent to the adoption of said (name of adoptee), an
15 adult person, by my said (husband/wife).

16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this consent this ____ day of
17 _____, 20____.

18 Dated: _____
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Signature of Spouse

20 VERIFICATION
21 (446, 2015.5 CCP)

22 I am the petitioner's spouse in the above entitled action; I have read the foregoing (title of
23 document(s) and know the contents thereof; and I certify that the same is true of my own
24 knowledge, except as to those matter which are therein stated upon my information or belief, and
25 as to those matters I believe it to be true.

26 I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

27 Executed on _____ at _____, California.

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Signature of Spouse

1 Your name
2 Your address
3 City, state, zip
4 Your phone #
5 In Pro Per

6 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
7 COUNTY OF KERN

8 In the Matter of the Adoption of) Case No.: BAD-
9 (full name of adoptee on birth certificate),) CONSENT OF SPOUSE OF PERSON
10 An Adult Person) BEING ADOPTED
11 (Adult)

12 I, (husband/wife) of one of the petitioners herein, to wit, (name of spouse), the person
13 being adopted herein, do hereby fully and freely consent to the adoption by (name of adopting
14 parents), of my said (husband/wife).

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this consent this ____ day of
16 _____, 20____.

17 Dated: _____
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19 Signature of Spouse

20 VERIFICATION
21 (446, 2015.5 CCP)

22 I am the petitioner's spouse in the above entitled action; I have read the foregoing (title of
23 document(s) and know the contents thereof; and I certify that the same is true of my own
24 knowledge, except as to those matter which are therein stated upon my information or belief, and
25 as to those matters I believe it to be true.

26 I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

27 Executed on _____ at _____, California.

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Signature of Spouse

1 Your name
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7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
8 COUNTY OF KERN

9 In the Matter of the Adoption of (full name of } Case No.: BAD-
10 adoptee on birth certificate), An Adult } DECREE OF ADOPTION
11 Person } (Adult)

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13 The petition of full name of adopting parent; full name of adopting parent and (full name of
14 adoptee) for adoption came on regularly to be heard on _____, 20____, in Department ____
15 before Honorable _____, Judge presiding, (full name of attorney) appearing as attorneys
16 for petitioners, there appearing before the court the petitioners, there appearing before the court
17 the petitioners, (full name of adopting parent(s); (full name of adoptee) and the respective
18 spouses of petitioners, to wit, (full name of spouse(s), who were examined by the court, each
19 separately, from which examination it is found that the petitioner, (full name of adoptee), the
20 person being adopted herein, having been born on (birth date), in (City and State of birth), is
21 younger than petitioners, (full name of adopting parent(s), the adopting person herein, and that
22 said petitioners are residents of the County of Kern, State of California, that petitioners have
23 heretofore and on or about the ___ day of _____, 20____, entered into an agreement in writing
24 wherein and whereby petitioner (full name of adopting parent(s) agreed to adopt petitioner
25 (full name of adoptee) and the latter agreed to be adopted by the former, and the said parties

1 agreed to assume toward each other the legal relation of parent and child and to have all of the
2 rights and be subject to all the duties and responsibilities of that relationship; that the respective
3 spouse of each petitioner herein has heretofore, in writing, duly consented to said adoption; and
4 the Court, after hearing the evidence, being satisfied and finding that the said adoption will be for
5 the best interest of the parties and in the public interest, and that there is no reason why the
6 petition herein should not be granted.
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9 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the petition herein be
10 and hereby is granted and that said agreement of adoption is hereby approved, and that said
11 petitioner, **(full name of adoptee)**, shall be and is hereby adopted by petitioner herein **(full name**
12 **of adopting parent(s))**, and that said **(full name of adoptee)** shall hereafter be regarded and
13 treated in all respects as the child of **(full name of adopting parent(s))** and hereafter bear the
14 birth name of **(full new name of adoptee)**.
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19 Judge of the Superior Court
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ADOPT-210**Adoption Agreement**

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

1 Adopting parent(s)

a. Name: _____

b. Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Address (*skip this if you have a lawyer*): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____

Lawyer (if any) (*name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and State Bar number*): _____

2 Information about the child

Child's name before adoption: _____

Child's name after adoption: _____

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

Case Number:**Signing this form:**

- Adoptions usually require a hearing where most signatures on this form must be completed in front of a judge.
- Item 4b may be signed before the hearing.
- If this is a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage involving a spouse or registered domestic partner who gave birth to the child or established parentage over a child born through gestational surrogacy during the union, usually no hearing is required and you may sign this form in front of a proper witness. See item 8a for instructions on having your signature properly witnessed. If the court orders a hearing in this case, you must sign this form at the hearing in front of the judge.
- All other signatures must be signed at a hearing, in front of a judge, unless waived by the judge for good cause.

3 I am the child listed in 2 and I agree to the adoption. (Not required in the case of a tribal customary adoption under Welf. & Inst. Code, § 366.24.)Date: _____
Type or print your name_____
Signature of child (child must sign if 12 or older;
optional if child is under 12)**4 If there is only one adopting parent and that person is married and not separated, the consent of their spouse is required under section 8603 of the Family Code. Read and sign below. Stepparent adoptions: Go to Item 7.**

a. I am the adopting parent listed in 1, and I agree that the child will:

(1) Be adopted and treated as my legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and

(2) Have the same rights as a natural child born to me, including the right to inherit my estate.

Date: _____
Type or print your name_____
Signature of adopting parent

Case Number: _____

Your name: _____

b. I am married to, or am the registered domestic partner of, the adopting parent listed in (1), and I am not a party to this adoption. I agree to the adoption of the child by the adopting parent listed in (1).

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of spouse or registered domestic partner
(may be signed before hearing)

5 If there are two adopting parents, read and sign below.

We are the adopting parents listed in (1), and we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as our legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights as a natural child born to us, including the right to inherit our estate.

I agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

I agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

6 If this is a tribal customary adoption, read and sign below.

I/we are the adopting parents listed in (1), and I/we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as my/our legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights and duties stated in the tribal customary adoption order dated _____ (copy attached).

If two adopting parents, we agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of adopting parent

7 For stepparent adoptions only:

If you are the legal parent of the child listed in (2), read and sign below.

I am the legal parent of the child and am the spouse or registered domestic partner of the adopting parent listed in (1). I agree to the adoption of my child by the adopting parent listed in (1).

Date: _____
Type or print your name

Signature of legal parent



Case Number: _____

Your name: _____

8 Executed (check one):

a. This form was signed outside of a hearing. *(Select this option only for a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage under Family Code, § 9000.5, where the court did not order a hearing for good cause.)*

(1) This form was signed **in** California.

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness *(check one)*:

- Notary public *(the notary acknowledgment is attached)*
- Court clerk
- Probation officer
- Qualified court investigator
- Authorized representative of a licensed adoption agency
- County welfare department staff member

(2) This form was signed **outside** of California.

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness *(check one)*:

- Notary public *(the notary acknowledgment is attached)*
- Other person authorized to perform notarial acts *(proof of notarization is attached)*
- Authorized representative of an adoption agency that is licensed in the state or country where this form was signed

(3) Witness information

This form was signed in: (county) _____ (state) _____ (country) _____

Name of witness: _____

Agency witness works for *(if applicable)*: _____

Date: _____

Witness signature:  _____

b. This form was signed at a hearing in front of a judicial officer. *(The judge will date and sign the form below.)*

Date: _____

Judge (or Judicial Officer)

<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan Division: 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> East Division: Mojave Branch 1773 Highway 58, Mojave, CA 93501</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> East: Division: Ridgecrest Branch 132 E. Coso Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> North Division: Delano/McFarland Branch 1122 Jefferson Street, Delano, CA 93215</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> North Division: Shafter/Wasco Branch 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263</p>	<p>FOR COURT USE ONLY</p>
<p>PETITIONER:</p> <p>RESPONDENT:</p>	
<p>NOTICE OF LODGING (Family Law)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy – Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy – Marriage License <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>	<p>CASE NUMBER:</p>

Petitioner / Respondent herein submits the attached document(s) for lodging in the in the above-entitled case. By signing below, party understands the document is lodged and not filed in this case. Party further understands, upon completion of the case, the attached document *may* be returned to the filing party upon request.

DATED:

_____ (Printed Name)

Petitioner / Respondent

<i>Court Use Only</i>	
<i>Lodged Documents Returned to Party:</i>	<i>(date)</i>
<i>Received by</i> _____	
	_____ <i>(Printed Name)</i>
<i>By</i> _____	<i>(clerk)</i>

**COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU
PREFER TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL BIRTH
CERTIFICATE**

**INSTRUCTION
COURT REPORT OF ADOPTION**

- COMPLETE PART I AND II OF THE ENCLOSED FORM, THEN SIGN ON LINE 16
- ON THE BOTTON OF THE FORM, PLEASE PROVIDE AN ADDRESS THAT WILL BE IN EFFECT 6 TO 8 MONTHS FROM NOW

DO NOT COMPLETE PART III

COURT REPORT OF ADOPTION
 NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS, PHOTOCOPIES,
 OR ALTERATIONS

STATE FILE NUMBER

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK ONLY

LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER

PART I The information provided in this section must be the information as it was at birth. Without this data, it may be impossible to prepare a new Certificate of Birth.

FACTS OF BIRTH	1A. NAME OF CHILD-FIRST		1B. MIDDLE	1C. LAST (BIRTH)		
	2. SEX	3. DATE OF BIRTH-MM/DD/CCYY		4. NAME OF PHYSICIAN (OR ATTENDANT, CERTIFIER, OR OTHER PERSON WHO ATTENDED THIS BIRTH)		
	5A. PLACE OF BIRTH-NAME OF HOSPITAL OR FACILITY			5B. CITY	5C. STATE OR COUNTRY	
PARENTS' DATA	6A. FULL NAME OF PARENT-FIRST		6B. MIDDLE	6C. LAST (BIRTH)		6D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
	7A. FULL NAME OF PARENT-FIRST		7B. MIDDLE	7C. LAST (BIRTH)		7D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT

PART II Adoptive parents must furnish personal information about themselves as it was on the child's date of birth. This information is used to prepare the new Certificate of Birth.

PARENT INFORMATION	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX: ADOPTIVE PARENT <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL PARENT <input type="checkbox"/>					
	8A. NAME OF PARENT-FIRST		8B. MIDDLE	8C. LAST (BIRTH)		8D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
	9. STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY OF BIRTH			10. DATE OF BIRTH-MM/DD/CCYY		
PARENT INFORMATION	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX: ADOPTIVE PARENT <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL PARENT <input type="checkbox"/>					
	11A. NAME OF PARENT-FIRST		11B. MIDDLE	11C. LAST (BIRTH)		11D. RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> MOTHER <input type="checkbox"/> FATHER <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT
	12. STATE/FOREIGN COUNTRY OF BIRTH			13. DATE OF BIRTH-MM/DD/CCYY		
<p>14. PLEASE CHECK ONE</p> <p>I want the original birth certificate sealed, and a new birth certificate established. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 102640, I choose not to have a new birth certificate established. <input type="checkbox"/></p>						<p>15. Do you want the name and address of the hospital or other facility where the birth occurred omitted from the new birth certificate as provided for in Section 102645 of the Health and Safety Code? (PLEASE CHECK ONE)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
VERIFICATION OF PART II	16. SIGNATURE OF PARENT VERIFYING DATA IN PART II			17. MAILING ADDRESS OF PARENT VERIFYING DATA IN PART II		
AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT	18A. NAME OF AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT			18B. MAILING ADDRESS OF AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT INVESTIGATED/HANDLED THE ADOPTION		
ATTORNEY	19A. SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME OF ATTORNEY			19B. MAILING ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY		

PART III The county clerk must obtain as much information as is available to complete Parts I and II before completing Part III and forwarding the record and Court Order/Final Decree to the State Registrar as required by law.

COURT CLERK	20. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS ADOPTED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED ADOPTIVE PARENTS ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, AS SET FORTH IN THE DECREE OF ADOPTION MADE ON THAT DATE IN CASE NUMBER _____					
	21A. NEW NAME AS SET FORTH IN THE DECREE OF ADOPTION-FIRST		21B. MIDDLE	21C. LAST		
	22. SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF COURT CLERK				BY:	
	23. CLERK IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF:		24. DATE SIGNED-MM/DD/CCYY		25. DATE PETITION FOR ADOPTION FILED-MM/DD/CCYY	
NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM CERTIFIED COPY IS TO BE SENT	NAME					
	ADDRESS-Street and Number		CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER	

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Court Clerk shall complete and transmit a court report of adoption to CDPH - Vital Records for each decree of adoption granted by any court in the State of California.

CDPH - Vital Records shall transmit court reports of adoptions for births that occurred in another state, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, or Canada to the appropriate registration authority.

The information contained in Part I and Part II of this certificate is required in order to identify and seal the original birth certificate and prepare a new birth certificate. Once the original birth certificate is sealed, it is only available upon order of a Superior Court.

INSTRUCTIONS

The agency or department handling the adoption should fill out Parts I and II, but the Court Clerk may complete any incomplete items in Part I or Part II from the information furnished in the court record.

When requested by the adoptive parents, the CDPH - Vital Records shall **not** establish a new birth certificate for the child. (Health & Safety Code Section 102640.) The adoptive parents should indicate in Item 14 whether they DO want a new birth certificate established (by checking the "Yes" Box) or whether they DO NOT want a new birth certificate established (by checking the "No" Box).

The adoptive parents may request CDPH - Vital Records to omit the specific name and address of the hospital or other facility where the birth occurred by checking the "Yes" Box in item 15. (Health & Safety Code Section 102645).

A deceased spouse of an adopting single parent can be listed on the new birth certificate if both adopting parents were in the home at the time of the initial placement of the child for adoption. Refer to Health & Safety Code Section 102660 for additional requirements.

One of the adopting parents should verify the information in Part II, sign in Item 16, and enter his or her mailing address in Item 17. The name and address of the agency or department and the attorney handling the adoption should be entered in Items 18 and 19.

The applicable fee shall be paid to the Court Clerk at the time of filing the petition in an adoption proceeding for the services required by statute of the State Registrar. (Health & Safety Code Section 103730.)

For cases in which the petition for adoption was filed on or after January 1, 1972, and the individual was born in California or a foreign country, a certified copy of the new birth record will be furnished without additional fee as provided in Health & Safety Code Section 102710.

For adoptions that occurred prior to January 1, 1972, or in another state, a fee must be submitted for processing the new birth certificate, which includes one certified copy.

Additional certified copies may be obtained from CDPH - Vital Records, but there is an additional fee for each additional certified copy requested. Please contact CDPH - Vital Records for the current fees, or visit our website at www.cdph.ca.gov. Please do not order additional copies until you have reviewed the original copy for accuracy. The mailing address for CDPH - Vital Records is:

California Department of Public Health
Vital Records - Amendments - MS 5105
P.O. Box 997410
Sacramento, CA 95899-7410