



APPLICATION FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE INFORMATION BEFORE ADOPTION

Use this application form if you are currently living in the United Kingdom

Please use the Guidance Notes when completing this form.

In order to apply for birth certificate information before adoption, you must be 18 years or over and have been adopted in England or Wales. **Only the adopted person can apply for this information.**

GRO does not charge for this service. However, charges may be incurred by an Adoption Support Agency (ASA) or Voluntary Adoption Agency (VAA).

Information can only be provided where a record of the adoption is held by the Registrar General. **Please note that you do not need to use this service if you already know the information required to order a copy of your birth certificate.**

To order a copy of your birth certificate, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/order-copy-birth-death-marriage-certificate>.

Section 1 - Your Current Details *(This section is mandatory)*

1.1	Title	
1.2	Surname	
1.3	Forename(s)	
1.4	Full Address and Postcode	
1.5	Telephone Number	
1.6	Email Address	

Section 2 - Adopted before 12th November 1975

If you were adopted before 12th November 1975 and do not know the information required to order a copy of your birth certificate, you **must** attend a meeting with an approved adoption advisor. You have a choice of where this meeting can take place. Please tick one of the following options:

2.1 Local Authority 2.2 Adoption Support Agency / Voluntary Adoption Agency 2.3 GRO Southport
(Please see Section 7)

If you do not need GRO to provide your birth certificate information before adoption but wish to attend a consultation with an approved adoption counsellor, please contact your local authority, Adoption Support Agency, or Voluntary Adoption Agency, as GRO is unable to provide this service.

Section 3 - Adopted on or after 12th November 1975

If you were adopted on or after 12th November 1975, but before 30 December 2005, you can choose whether to see an adoption advisor or not.

3.1 Do you wish to see an adoption advisor? YES NO
(If yes, please tick your preferred option in Section 2 above)

Section 4 - Adopted on or after 12th November 1975

If you were adopted on or after 12th November 1975 and have chosen **not** to see an adoption advisor, you **must** provide proof of your current address eg. utility bill, current bank statement or a letter from another government department. All documents must be original and dated within the last 3 months.

4.1 Please tick the box to confirm you have included proof of your current address.

Section 5 - Your Adoption Details *(This section is mandatory)*

5.1	Adopted Surname	
5.2	Adopted Forename(s)	
5.3	Date of Birth	
5.4	Adoptive Mother/Parent	
5.5	Adoptive Father/Parent	
5.6	Date of Adoption <i>(if known)</i>	

Section 6 - Your Original Birth Details *(if known)*

6.1	Birth Surname	
6.2	Birth Forename(s)	
6.3	Birth Mother	
6.4	Birth Father	

Section 7 - Adoption Support Agency (ASA) / Voluntary Adoption Agency (VAA) details
(if ticked in section 2)

7.1	Name	
7.2	Full Address and Postcode	
7.3	Telephone Number <i>(if known)</i>	
7.4	Email Address	

Section 8 - Declaration

8.1	I declare that I am the adopted person to whom the above particulars relate, and the information supplied is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. The evidence enclosed is an original document .	
	Signed:	Date:

For the purpose of detecting and preventing crime, information relating to an application may be passed and verified with other government departments or law enforcement agencies

Any personal information you provide to us will be handled in accordance with data protection legislation. Further information on how we process your personal information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmpo-privacy-information-notice>