



Vital Statistics
Agency

NO-CONTACT DECLARATION AND STATEMENT Pertaining to an Adopted Person or Birth Parent

ADOPTION ACT: No-Contact Declaration and Statement

- Under section 66 of the *Adoption Act*, a birth parent of an adopted person who is named in an original birth registration and who wishes not to be contacted by the person named as the child in the registration, may apply to the registrar general of the Vital Statistics Agency to file a written no-contact declaration.
- An adopted person 18 years of age or older who wishes not to be contacted by a birth parent named on a birth registration may apply to the registrar general of the Vital Statistics Agency to file a written no-contact declaration.
- When an applicant applies to the Vital Statistics Agency under this Part, they must supply any proof of identity required, and the registrar general must file the no-contact declaration.
- The registrar general of the Vital Statistics Agency must not give a person to whom a no-contact declaration relates a copy of a birth registration or other record naming the person who filed the declaration unless the person applying has signed an undertaking in the prescribed form.
- A person who is named in a no-contact declaration and has signed an undertaking must not:
 - knowingly contact or attempt to contact the person who filed the declaration;
 - procure another person to contact the person who filed the declaration;
 - use information obtained under the *Adoption Act* to intimidate or harass the person who filed the declaration; or
 - procure another person to intimidate or harass, by the use of information obtained under the *Adoption Act*, the person who filed the declaration.
- A person who files a no-contact declaration may file with it a written statement that includes any of the following:
 - the reasons for wishing not to be contacted;
 - in the case of a birth parent, a brief summary of any available information about the medical and social history of the birth parents and their families;
 - any other relevant non-identifying information.
- When a person to whom a no-contact declaration relates is given a copy of a birth registration, the registrar general of the Vital Statistics Agency must give the person applying the information that is in any written statement filed with the declaration.
- A person who files a no-contact declaration may cancel the declaration at any time by completing the Rescind a Disclosure Veto or No-Contact Declaration form (VSA 633).
- Unless cancelled, a no-contact declaration is in effect until 2 years after the death of the person who filed the no-contact declaration.

Making a false statement:

Under section 86 of the *Adoption Act*, a person must not make a statement that the person knows to be false or misleading in an application, or in connection with an application for a copy of a birth registration, or other record from the Vital Statistics Agency, or for filing a disclosure veto, or no-contact declaration.

A person who contravenes this section of the *Act* commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of up to \$5,000.

Having read and understood the above section of the *Act*,

I, _____ do solemnly declare that I wish to
(PRINT Full Given Names and Surname)

register a NO-CONTACT DECLARATION prohibiting my contact as specified by the *ADOPTION ACT*.

X

Signature of Declarant

Date

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PLEASE READ NOTES ON PAGE 4

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON APPLYING

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| Personal Health Number (BC Services Card Number) | | Born in British Columbia? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | SHADED AREA FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Application for Service Number <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div> | | | | | | | | | |
| Surname | | Given Name(s) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mailing Address | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country | | Postal/Zip Code | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Home Phone Number (include area code) | | Work Phone Number (include area code) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Adopted Person
(18 years or older) ➡ Complete Section A

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Birth Parent ➡ Complete Section B

SECTION A: to be completed by adopted person as applicant (PLEASE PRINT)

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name on Birth Certificate <u>After</u> Adoption Surname | | Given Name(s) | | Sex | |
| Date of Birth Month Day Year | | Date of Adoption Month Day Year | | OR Approximate Year of Adoption | |
| Place of Birth (City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country) | | | Place of Adoption (City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country) | | |
| Surname of <u>Adoptive</u> Father/Parent | | Given Name(s) | | Birthplace of <u>Adoptive</u> Father/Parent (City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country) | |
| Maiden Surname* of <u>Adoptive</u> Mother/Parent | | Given Name(s) | | Birthplace of <u>Adoptive</u> Mother/Parent (City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country) | |
| Birth Name (if known) | | | | Birthplace Registration Number (from birth certificate) | |

*The mother's maiden surname is the last name she was given at birth, or if a legal change of name has been completed, her new last name as noted on the Certificate of Change of Name. In Canada, the mother's birth surname or surname following a legal change of name is always listed on the child's birth registration and the parental birth certificate, even if she is married.

SECTION B: to be completed by birth parent as applicant (PLEASE PRINT)

PARTICULARS OF BIRTH PARENTS (AT TIME OF ADOPTED PERSON'S BIRTH)

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|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Maiden Surname* of <u>Birth</u> Mother | | Given Name(s) | | Surname of <u>Birth</u> Father/Parent | | Given Name(s) | |
| Date of Birth Month Day Year | | Birthplace (City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country) | | Date of Birth Month Day Year | | Birthplace (City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country) | |

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PARTICULARS OF ADOPTED PERSON PRIOR TO ADOPTION

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|---|--|--|--|-----|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Surname | | Given Name(s) | | Sex | | Date of Birth Month Day Year | | Birthplace (City/Town/Village, Province/State, Country) | |
| Date of Adoption Month Day Year | | OR Approximate Year of Adoption | | | | | | | |
| Name of Adopted Person <u>After</u> Adoption (if known) | | | | | | | | | |

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT **X**

PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS OPTIONAL AND IS NOT A REQUIREMENT OF FILING THIS NO-CONTACT DECLARATION

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Provide any additional information in the space below. If you require more space for your written statement, attach a separate sheet of paper.

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TO AVOID DELAY

- Complete the appropriate section in full and attach a **photocopy** of your birth certificate. (All requests with incomplete information **must** be accompanied by a **written explanation for the omission**. If any portion of the relevant event information is left blank the application **will be returned for completion**.)
- Be sure you are authorized to make the request. (See page 2.)
- Ensure your address and telephone number are entered correctly and clearly. (Please print.)
- Note: A fee is **not** required to add a disclosure veto and statement.

PRIVACY

This information is collected by the Vital Statistics Agency under section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and will be used to fulfill the requirements of the *Vital Statistics Act* for the release and withholding of adoption information. Should you have any questions about the collection of this personal information, please contact:
Manager, Vital Statistics Agency, 250 952-2681, PO Box 9657, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9P3.

CONTACT US

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