

**STATE OF IOWA**

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - *Bureau of Health Statistics*

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Application ID \_\_\_\_\_

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# ADULT ADOPTEE born in Iowa-Request for NONCERTIFIED Copy of Original Certificate of Birth Prior to Adoption

Complete Part 1 and sign in front of a Notary Public. Return the notarized form with the \$15.00 fee and a clear photocopy of your current government-issued photo identification (e.g., *driver's license*). See additional information on reverse side.

**PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT.** Type or print legibly in black ink.

Name After Adoption First		Middle, if any	Last (Surname)		Suffix (Jr., II, III, IV, V)
Name BEFORE Adoption, if known First		Middle, if any	Last (Surname)		Suffix (Jr., II, III, IV, V)
Sex	Birth Date (Month, Day, Year)		Place of Birth (City and/or County)		
Adoptive Parent's Name First		Middle, if any	Last Name (Surname)		Suffix (Sr., II, III, IV, V)
Adoptive Parent's Name First		Middle, if any	Last Name (Surname)		Suffix (Sr., II, III, IV, V)
<b>ARE YOU – Check one</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adoptee <input type="checkbox"/> Entitled Person If Entitled person, Relationship: _____ <i>Must submit a certified copy of death record with application</i>		<b>If Entitled Person,</b> Date of Death of adoptee		Month	Day
<b>Applicant's Current Legal Name &amp; Phone Number</b> (Print legibly)				Phone Number	
<b>APPLICANT'S ADDRESS</b> (City, Town, or Location) (County) (State & Zip Code) (Street Address <u>and</u> P.O. Box, if any)					
The fee is \$15.00 per noncertified copy requested. Documents will be mailed to the address listed above.					
<b>Request paid by</b> (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (in person)					

**NOTARIZATION.** Sign legibly and date only in front of a Notary Public. You must show the Notary your valid, current government-issued photo identification and sign your full name as it appears on your I.D.

**I certify that I am the Applicant named above, and the information provided above is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further state that per Iowa Code section 144.24A, I am entitled to receive the non-certified copy of the original certificate of birth.**

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTARY SEAL)

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ ss

Signed and affirmed in my presence on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

*Notary Public Signature*

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- Pursuant to Iowa Code section 144.24A, an adopted person who was born in this state and whose original certificate of birth was substituted with a new certificate of birth pursuant to section 144.24 based upon the adoption, or an entitled person, may apply for and obtain a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth of the adopted person who is the subject of the original certificate of birth.
- An entitled person may apply for and obtain a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth of the adopted person who is the subject of the original certificate of birth if that adopted person is deceased. Entitled person must submit a certified copy of the death record for adult adoptee with application.
- Proper application, proof of identity and entitlement must exist before a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth may be issued to any party.
- Contact preference forms and medical history forms may be on file for the biological parent(s) named on the record. If the contact preference forms and medical history forms are on file, the forms will be released with the noncertified original certificate of birth.
- Biological parents may state their preference to release their identity and option for contact, or for their identity to be redacted from the original certificate of birth prior to adoption.
- An original noncertified certificate of birth prior to adoption may be released regardless of any contact preference forms being filed when proper application has been made and proof of entitlement exists.
- Any adult adoptee, or an entitled person, who was born before January 1, 1971 may apply for and obtain a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth of the adopted person who is the subject of the original certificate of birth at any time.
- All other requests for a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth by the adult adoptee, or an entitled person, may be submitted on or after January 1, 2022.
- Information can be found at <https://idph.iowa.gov/health-statistics/open-adoption>.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What does Iowa Code section 144.24A allow?

- The new law allows an adult adoptee to request and receive a noncertified copy of their original certificate of birth that was created prior to their adoption. Biological parent information is listed on this document.
- The new law allows biological parents to file contact preference and medical history forms with the Bureau of Health Statistics. These forms shall be released to the adult adoptee or entitled person upon proper application.

### Who else can request a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth for an adoptee?

- An entitled person may request and receive a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth prior to adoption if the adoptee is deceased.

### Who is an entitled person?

- An entitled person is the spouse of the adopted person who is deceased, or an adult related to the adopted person who is deceased within the second degree of consanguinity. The second degree of consanguinity is applied to individuals after adoption.

### Who is within the second degree of consanguinity?

- The following individuals are within the second degree of consanguinity of the adult adoptee: children, parents, grandchildren, siblings and grandparents.

### What is the cost?

- The cost is \$15 to order a noncertified copy of the original certificate of birth prior to adoption. The noncertified copy is not to be used to legal purposes.

Requests will only be accepted via mail or in-person at the Bureau of Health Statistics. Requests will not be fulfilled at any other issuing office.

#### Mail requests to:

Bureau of Health Statistics / IDPH  
Lucas State Office Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 321 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075