

Information About Your Preadoption Birth Record



Format of the record:

This document looks different from your legal birth certificate because it is a copy of your preadoption birth certificate. This is not your legal birth certificate and may not be used as such.

Accuracy and completeness of the information on the preadoption birth certificate:

The information on this preadoption birth certificate was provided by the birth parent(s) at the time of your birth. The information may or may not be accurate. At the time of a child's birth, a birth parent may give a child any name, or they may not name the child. The mother's name and father's name on this document may or may not be accurate. After the adoption was finalized, the birth parent(s) could not make any changes to this document.

Obtaining other kinds of record information:

Ballot Measure 58 allowed for adopted individuals, who were born in Oregon, to request their original birth certificate. This applies only to the release of the preadoption birth certificate in the sealed file maintained by the Oregon Center for Health Statistics. No other documents in the sealed file may be released without a certified copy of a court order.

For medical information concerning an adoption, contact the Oregon adoption agency involved in your case. The Oregon Center for Health Statistics does not maintain these records. If you cannot identify the agency, contact the state agency provided below for assistance.

Voluntary Adoption Registry:

The Voluntary Adoption Registry was created to assist adoptees, birth parents, biological siblings, and other eligible persons who wish to learn more about an adoption that was completed in the State of Oregon. The registry is maintained by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and creates a method of communicating information if both parents consent.

For more information about your birth family or a person who was adopted in Oregon, visit the ODHS Adoption and Search Registry website by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/adoption/pages/registry.aspx>.

You can also contact them at:

ODHS Adoption Search and Registry
500 Summer Street NE, E71
Salem, OR 97301
503-632-2264
Email adoption.registry@odhs.oregon.gov

