
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1991 No. 1981

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS,
DEATHS, MARRIAGES, ETC.**

ENGLAND AND WALES

The Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations 1991

Made - - - - *3rd September 1991*
Laid before Parliament *10th September 1991*
Coming into force - - *14th October 1991*

The Registrar General, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 51(1) and (2) and 67(5) and (6) of the Adoption Act 1976⁽¹⁾ and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations 1991 and shall come into force on 14th October 1991.

(2) In these Regulations “the Act” means the Adoption Act 1976.

Application for access to birth records

2. For the purposes of section 51(1) of the Act (which provides for information to be supplied to an adopted person to enable him to obtain a certified copy of the record of his birth), the adopted person shall apply to the Registrar General as follows:—

- (a) in the case of a person who was adopted before 12th November 1975, in the form set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations; or
- (b) in the case of a person who was adopted after 11th November 1975, in the form set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(1) 1976 c. 36.; section 51 was amended by section 88(1) and paragraph 20 of Schedule 10 to the Children Act 1989 (c. 41) which amended subsection (1) and substituted new subsections (3) to (9); see section 51(9) for the definition of “prescribed”.

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Application for verification in connection with intended marriage

3. For the purposes of section 51(2) of the Act (which provides for an adopted person to be informed whether or not it appears that he and the person whom he intends to marry may be within the prohibited degrees of relationship for the purpose of the Marriage Act 1949(2)), the adopted person shall apply to the Registrar General in the form set out in Schedule 3 to these Regulations.

Revocation

4. The Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations 1976(3) are revoked.

19th August 1991

P.J. Wormald
Registrar General

Approved and signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health.

3rd September 1991

Stephen Dorrell
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Health

(2) 1949 c. 76.
(3) S.I. 1976/1743.

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(a)

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORDS
BY A PERSON ADOPTED BEFORE 12 NOVEMBER 1975

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORDS BY A PERSON
ADOPTED BEFORE 12 NOVEMBER 1975

1. I hereby apply for the information necessary to enable me to obtain a certified copy of the record of my birth. I understand that before this information is given to me, I am required to attend an interview with a counsellor.

Either A. I am in the United Kingdom and would prefer the interview to take place at (please put a tick in the box indicating your choice):-

- (a) the General Register Office;
- (b) the local authority (in England or Wales), the regional or island council (in Scotland) or the Health and Social Security Board (in Northern Ireland) in whose area I am residing;
- (c) some other local authority; regional or island council or Board (Please specify which)
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or, if known,
- (d) the adoption society approved under section 3 of the Adoption Act 1976, Section 3 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 or registered under Article 4 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 which arranged my adoption. The name and address of the approved adoption society is
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Or B. I am living outside the United Kingdom and would prefer the interview to take place with a counsellor from (name, address and status of organisation willing to provide counselling).

I enclose that organisation's notification that it is prepared to provide such counselling.

2. The following are the particulars of my adoption:-
- Full name and surname
 - Date of birth
 - Country of birth (if known)
 - Name of adoptive father
 - Name of adoptive mother
 - Date of adoption (if known)

3. Declaration
I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am the adopted person to whom the above particulars relate and that my adoption is recorded at entry number† in the Adopted Children Register.

Signature:
Address:
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Date:

†This number will be found in the column headed "No. of Entry" on a full certificate and in the bottom left hand corner of most short certificates.

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SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(b)

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORDS BY A PERSON ADOPTED AFTER 11 NOVEMBER 1975

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORDS BY A PERSON ADOPTED AFTER 11 NOVEMBER 1975

1. I hereby apply for the information necessary to enable me to obtain a certified copy of the record of my birth.

2. I understand, that if I am in the UK a counselling service is available to me. I wish/do not wish to see a counsellor. (Please delete as required, and if you have chosen to see a counsellor, tick one of the boxes in 3 below).

3. I would like to see a counsellor at:-

- (a) the General Register Office;
(b) the local authority (in England or Wales), the regional or island council (in Scotland) or the Health and Social Security Board (in Northern Ireland) in whose area I am residing;
(c) some other local authority; regional or island council or Board (Please specify which)
(d) the adoption society approved under section 3 of the Adoption Act 1976, Section 3 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 or registered under Article 4 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 which arranged my adoption. The name and address of the approved adoption society is

4. The following are the particulars of my adoption:-

- Full name and surname
Date of birth
Country of birth (if known)
Name of adoptive father
Name of adoptive mother
Date of adoption (if known)

5. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am the adopted person to whom the above particulars relate and that my adoption is recorded at entry number† in the Adopted Children Register.

Signature: Date:
Address:-

†This number will be found in the column headed "No. of Entry" on a full certificate and in the bottom left hand corner of most short certificates.

SCHEDULE 3

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR VERIFICATION OF ANY
RELATIONSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH MARRIAGE

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR VERIFICATION OF ANY RELATIONSHIP IN
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1. I hereby apply to be informed whether or not it appears from the records of the Registrar General that I and the person I intend to marry may be within the prohibited degrees of relationship for the purposes of the Marriage Act 1949.

2. I give below details of myself and the person I intend to marry:-

<i>Myself</i>	<i>My Fiancé(e)</i>
Name and surname	Name and surname
Date of birth	Date of birth
Country of birth	Place of birth
Adoptive father's name	Father's name
Adoptive mother's name	Mother's name and
Date of adoption	Maiden surname

Signature Address

Date

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe the manner in which an application is to be made by an adopted person for information enabling him to obtain a certified copy of the record of his birth (by regulation 2) or for information whether he and the person whom he intends to marry may be within the prohibited degrees of relationship under the Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76) (by Regulation 3).

These Regulations revoke (by regulation 4) the Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations 1976 (S.I.1976/1743) which are superseded by these Regulations.

The principal changes made by these Regulations occur in the application forms set out in Schedules 1 and 2, by which the adopted person may now apply to receive counselling outside England and Wales, whether in Scotland, Northern Ireland or outside the United Kingdom. These changes accord with amendments made to section 51 of the Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36) by paragraph 20 of Schedule 10 to the Children Act 1989 (c. 41).

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