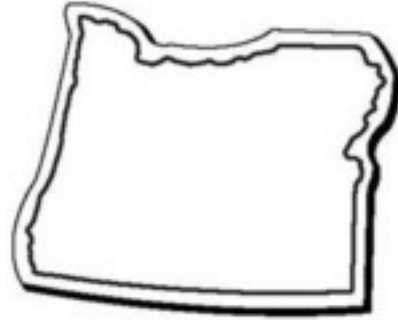


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Nonidentifying information may be released, upon request, to:

- The voluntary adoption registry may be used to obtain identifying information by the following persons:
 - A birth parent
 - An adult adopted person
 - An adult birth sibling
 - The adoptive parent of a deceased adopted person
 - The parents or adult siblings of a deceased birthparents
- Nonidentifying information may be released to:
 - The adoptive parents of the child or the child's guardian
 - The birth parent of the adopted person
 - An adult adopted person
 - If the adopted person is deceased:
 - The adopted person's spouse if the spouse is the birth parent of the adopted person's child or the guardian of any child of the adopted person.
 - Any progeny of the adopted person who is age 18 or older

Access to nonidentifying information is limited to:

- A genetic and social history and health history that excludes information identifying any birth parent or putative father, member of a birth parent's or putative father's family, the adopted person or the adoptive parents of the adopted person may be provided if available, from an agency upon request to the persons listed above.

Mutual access to identifying information:

- The persons listed above may use the voluntary adoption registry for obtaining identifying information about birth parents, the putative father, the adult adopted person, and adult birth siblings. An adult adopted person who has a birth sibling in the adult adopted person's adoptive family who is under age 18 may not have access to the registry. A putative father may not have access to the registry.
- The person listed above shall work through the agency involved in the adoption, or its successor agency, or the Department of Human Services to receive information concerning the adoption.
- The persons listed above and a putative father may register by submitting a signed affidavit to the registry. The affidavit shall contain the information listed in § 109.465 and a statement of the registrant's willingness to be identified to the other relevant persons who register. The affidavit gives authority to the registry to release identifying

information to the other relevant persons who register. Each registration shall be accompanied by the birth certificate of the registrant.

- An adopted person, or the parent or guardian of an adopted person under age 18, may register to have specific identifying information disclosed to Indian Tribes or to governmental agencies in order to establish the adopted person's eligibility for Tribal membership or for benefits or to a person settling an estate.
- If a birth parent or an adopted person fails to file an affidavit with the registry for any reason, including death or disability, identifying information shall not be disclosed.

Access to original birth certificate:

- Upon receipt of a written application to the State Registrar, any adopted persons age 21 and older born in the State of Oregon shall be issued a certified copy of his or her unaltered, original, and unamended certificate of birth that is in the custody of the State Registrar, with procedures, filing fees, and waiting periods identical to those imposed upon nonadopted citizens.
- A birth parent may at any time request from the State Registrar of the Center for Health Statistics or form a voluntary adoption registry a Contact Preference Form that shall accompany a birth certificate issued under the section above.
- The Contact Preference Form shall provide the following information, to be completed at the option of the birth parent:
 - I would like to be contacted
 - I would prefer to be contacted only through an intermediary
 - I prefer not to be contacted at this time. If I decide later that I would like to be contacted, I will register with the voluntary adoption registry. I have completed an updated medical history and have filed it with the voluntary adoption registry.
- The certificate from the voluntary adoption registry verifying receipt of an updated medical history shall be in a form prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority and shall be supplied upon request of the birthparent by the voluntary adoption registry.
- When the State Registrar receives a completed Contact Preference Form from a birth parent, the State Registrar shall match the Contact Preference Form with the adopted person's sealed file. The Contact Preference Form shall be placed in the adopted person's sealed file when a match is made. A completed Contact Preference Form shall be confidential.

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