



# Post Adoption Services in Saskatchewan

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Adoption records in Saskatchewan go as far back as 1922. The Post-Adoption Registry office can help you find information about birth parents or adopted children if you:

- were adopted and presently 18 years of age or older
- were adopted and presently under 18 years of age and have the written consent of your adoptive parents
- are birth parents
- are birth family members (you may require the written consent of a birth parent or proof of a birth parent's death)
- are parents who adopted a child who is presently under 18 years of age

### Post-Adoption Registry Services

If you are a person described above, Post-Adoption Registry staff will provide background information and documents about birth parents or adoptees. Post-Adoption Registry staff also offer services to search for parties involved in an adoption for the purposes of a reunion.

To request a service, you must fill out an application form. Forms are available at the Post-Adoption Registry office. All requests must be submitted with a photocopy of a piece of identification such as a driver's license, health card, or birth certificate.

### Background information

Post-Adoption Registry staff will provide information about a child before they were adopted. The information does not identify the birth parents, but may include information about their health, race or ethnicity, physical descriptions, occupations, interests, education, and the reason the child was placed for adoption. Information about the birth of the child, or medical and developmental reports may also be available.

If a child lived in a foster home before they were adopted, there may also be information available from the time they spent in foster care.

### What's New?

- Beginning June 2007, there are no longer any fees for services.
- Legislative changes in December 2004 increased access to birth father information.

## Searching for birth parents or adoptees

There are two ways to register for services at Post Adoption Registry:

### Active search

- Post-Adoption Registry staff will search on behalf of someone who wants to reunite with a birth parent, adoptee, or another party in an adoption. The staff will ask the person who has been found if they want to be contacted by the person who requested the search.

### Inactive search

- People register indicating their willing-ness to have contact. No search is made and contact will occur if the other party registers or is already registered. It is important that Post Adoption Registry has their current address.

## Request for health information necessary for medical diagnosis and/or treatment of a serious condition

A search may be conducted for birth parents in an effort to obtain current medical information if an adoptee, or an adoptee's children, has a serious medical condition and current medical information is required for the diagnosis and/or treatment planning. A letter from a physician noting the medical condition and the necessity for obtaining further information is required to initiate a search.

## Obtaining legal documents

Contact the Post-Adoption Registry if you are looking for legal documents such as:

- **Order of Adoption**

You can receive an Order of Adoption if you are an adult child who was adopted or a parent or step-parent who adopted a child. An Order of Adoption has the original birth name of an adopted child. Since 1922, an Order of Adoption has been given to all adoptive parents when the adoption has been finalized in a Saskatchewan court.

- **Birth Registration**

A certified copy of a birth registration may be requested by a birth parent, step-parent, or adoptee. Adoptive parents cannot receive a birth registration unless the adopted child is no longer living.

The original live birth registration of an adoptee has identifying information including the name of the birth parent(s), the birth name of the adopted child as well as their adopted name. Because of this, the following

considerations are made before a certified copy of a birth registration can be released:

### For adoptions before

**April 1, 1997:** The written consent of all people whose names are on the original birth registration is required.

### For adoptions on or after

**April 1, 1997:** Written consent is not required. If a veto has been registered, the document cannot be released.

- **Other legal documents**

Contact Post-Adoption Registry if you are looking for other legal documents.

## When an adoptee is identified as beneficiary of an estate

A search will be conducted to locate an adoptee who is named as a beneficiary in the will of a deceased birth family member. Authorities involved in an estate process will provide details on how to claim an inheritance.

## What's a veto?

- A veto means that a birth registration cannot be provided to anyone.
- A veto is registered through the Post-Adoption Registry.
- A veto is registered by a birth parent or by an adoptee within six months after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- A veto can be withdrawn at any time.
- A veto is not in effect after the death of the person who registered it.
- Adoptive parents cannot register a veto.