



# Post Adoption Services in Saskatchewan

## about

Further information on Post Adoption Services is available from:

**Post Adoption Registry**  
1920 Broad Street  
Regina, SK S4P 3V6

Tel: **306-787-3654**  
or **1-800-667-7539**  
(toll free in Canada)  
FAX: 306-798-0038

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The Post Adoption Registry provides a range of services to parties involved in adoptions that were finalized in Saskatchewan since 1922.

### Services are available for:

- Adult Adoptees (*people who are 18 years of age or older*).
- Adoptees under 18 years of age with the written consent of the adoptive parents.
- Birth Parents.
- Birth Family Members may require the written consent of a birth parent or proof of a birth parent's death.
- Adoptive parents of children under the age of 18 years.

Effective December 8, 2004, legislative changes increase flexibility for accessing birth father information in adoptions that have been finalized in Saskatchewan and that date back to 1922.

### The Post Adoption Registry Provides the Following:

#### Non-Identifying Background Information

Non-identifying background information refers to the information gathered up to the time of an adoption. The information may include birth details, health, racial or ethnic origin, physical descriptions, occupations, interests, education levels and reason for adoption. It may include medical and developmental reports if available. If an adopted child resided in foster care prior to adoption, there may also be information available for that period of time.

#### Search and Contact for the Purpose of a Reunion

This refers to a search being conducted for a party of an adoption for the purpose of having contact. Identifying information is released with written consent of both parties. Ongoing relationships depend on the wishes of the parties involved. Preparation and support services are offered to all parties.

#### What are the most common results of requests for reunions?

Individual reactions to reunion requests vary. Some reunions proceed immediately, and in other cases individuals request some time to adjust to the prospect of a reunion. Depending on the circumstances, some individuals decline contact through a reunion.

Contact between parties may begin with an exchange of letters, telephone calls and e-mails, or both parties may choose to reunite in person as soon as possible. The outcomes of reunions are as diverse as the individuals involved.

#### Mutual (Passive) Registration for Contact

This refers to individuals registering in writing his/her willingness to exchange information or to have contact with a party of the adoption. No search is conducted. Contact between two parties may occur only when both parties register.

#### Request for Health Information Necessary for Medical Diagnosis and Treatment of a Serious Condition

A search may be conducted for birth parents in an effort to obtain current medical information if an adoptee 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.

All parties of adoption are encouraged to provide medical information to the Post Adoption Registry that may be of significance to the other party in adoption for placement on the adoption record. In order to forward this information, a physician must provide written confirmation noting the necessity to relay this information.

## Adoption Documents

### Order of Adoption

An Order of Adoption contains the original birth name of an adopted child. An adult adoptee or adoptive parents may request a notarized copy of this document. It is important to note that since 1922, this document has been provided to all adoptive parents at the time an adoption was finalized through a court in Saskatchewan. This means that adoptive parents know the full original birth name of an adopted child.

### Certified Copy of Original Birth Registration

This refers to the original live birth registration of an adopted child. This document contains identifying information and the following applies:

**If an adoption occurred prior to April 1, 1997**, the written consent of all names who appear on the original birth registration must be acquired prior to a certified copy of this document being released.

**If an adoption occurred after April 1, 1997**, a certified copy of the original birth registration may be released without the consent of any other party unless either party has

registered a veto forbidding the release of the document. An adult adoptee has up to 6 months after his/her 18th birthday to register a veto. A veto registered by either an adult adoptee or a birth parent can be withdrawn at any time with the party's written authorization. A veto will no longer be in effect upon the death of the person who submitted it. Adoptive parents are not eligible to register a veto, and are not eligible to obtain this document unless an adoptee is deceased.

### Other Legal Documents

Copies of legal documents that supported the adoption planning may be obtained. For more information, contact the Post Adoption Registry.

Parties involved in step-parent adoptions may obtain the Order of Adoption, the original birth registration and the adoption consent documents.

### When an Adoptee is Identified as Beneficiary of an Estate

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

## Fees

The fees in the table below apply for some services provided by the Post Adoption Registry (pursuant to Section 22 of The Adoption Regulations).

A reduced fee schedule is available for individuals receiving benefits under Employment and Income Assistance programs (i.e. Social Assistance, Employment Insurance, Old Age Security) and those attending a formal, full-time educational program.

The Adoption Regulations provide for Ministerial discretion to waive fees (i.e. in cases of serious medical circumstances, etc.).

A cheque or money order for fees must be made payable to the "Minister of Finance".

### To Register or to Obtain More Information on Post Adoption Services

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All requests for services must be in writing and accompanied by a photocopy of identification. For assistance in completing an application, contact our office.

## Fees

Registration for search/contact .....	\$17.50
Search and contact .....	\$132.50
Search and contact with second and subsequent family member(s) .....	\$87.50
Mutual (passive) Registration for Contact .....	No Fee
Contact by mutual request .....	\$45.00
Copy of a document .....	\$7.50
Non-identifying background information .....	No Fee
Search for a person to determine his/her consent to release a certified copy of original birth registration .....	\$87.50
Certified copy of original Birth Certificate .....	As determined by Vital Statistics