

1995 No. 484

**REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES,
ETC.****ADOPTION****The Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1995***Made* 19th December 1995*Coming into operation* 19th February 1996

The Department of Finance and Personnel, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 54(1) and (2)(a) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(b) and now vested in it(c) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. (a) These regulations may be cited as the Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 19th February 1996.
- (b) In these regulations the Order means The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.

Application for information enabling access to birth records

2. For the purposes of Article 54(1) of the Order (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—

- (a) where the person was adopted before 18th December 1987, in the form set out in Schedule 1;
- (b) where the person was adopted after 17th December 1987, in the form set out in Schedule 2.

Application for verification in connection with intended marriage

3. For the purposes of Article 54(2) of the Order (which provides for an adopted person to be informed whether or not it appears that he and the person who he intends to marry may be within the prohibited degrees of relationship for the purposes of Article 18(1) of the Family Law (Miscellaneous

(a) Article 54 is amended by paragraph 158 of Schedule 9 to S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2)

(b) S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.R. 1993 No. 494; see also the definition of "Prescribed" as substituted by paragraph 138(7) of Schedule 9 to S.I. 1995/755 (N.I. 2)

(c) S.R. 1993 No. 494 — Article 3

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Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(a) the adopted person shall apply
to the Registrar General in the form set out in Schedule 3.

Revocation

4. The Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(b) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel
on 19th December 1995.

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Edgar F. Jardine

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1984/1984 (N.I. 14)
(b) S.R. 1989 No. 250

**Form of Application for Access to Birth Records by a Person Adopted
before 18th December 1987**

(Article 54 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987)

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 Health and Social Services Board or Health and Social Security Trust (in Northern Ireland), the local authority (in England or Wales) or the regional or island council (in Scotland) in whose area I am residing; (please specify which and state the address)

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(b) some other Board, HSS Trust, local authority, regional or island council (please specify which and state the address).....

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(c) the General Register Office (for England and Wales) or, if known,

(d) the adoption society registered under Article 4 of the adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, or approved under section 3 of the Adoption Act 1976 or section 3 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978, which arranged my adoption. The name and address of the 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

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(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(Enter name and surname in capitals)

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

**Form of Application for Access to Birth Records by a Person Adopted
after 17th December 1987**

(Article 54 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987)

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 United Kingdom 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 Health and Social Services Board or Health and Social Services Trust (in Northern Ireland), the local authority (in England or Wales) or the regional or island council (in Scotland) in whose area I am residing; (please specify which and state the address)

(b) some other Board, HSS Trust, local authority, regional or island council (please specify which and state the address)

(c) the General Register Office (for England and Wales) or, if known,

(d) the adoption society registered under Article 4 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, or approved under section 3 of the Adoption Act 1976, or section 3 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978, which arranged my adoption. The name and address of the 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 (Enter name and surname in capitals) 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.

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

Signature:..... Date:

Address
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Form of application for verification of any relationship in connection with marriage*(Article 54 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987)*

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 Article 18(1) of the Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984.

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

Myself	My Fiancé(e)
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 of application to be made by an adopted person for (a) the supply of information enabling him to obtain access to his birth records and (b) where he is under 18 years of age, information whether he and the person whom he intends to marry may be within the prohibited degrees of relationship under Article 18(1) of the Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984.

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 Northern Ireland, whether in England, Wales, Scotland, or outside the United Kingdom. These changes are in accordance with amendments made to Article 54 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 by paragraph 158 of Schedule 9 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.