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

ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations 1976**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>21st October 1976</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>29th October 1976</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>26th November 1976</i>

The Registrar General in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 20A and 56(1) and (2) of the Adoption Act 1958(a) (as inserted and substituted by section 26 and paragraph 38 of Schedule 3 to the Children Act 1975(b) respectively) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, with the approval of the Secretary of State, hereby makes the following regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations 1976, and shall come into operation on 26th November 1976.

*Interpretation*

2. The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these regulations as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Application for birth information*

3. For the purposes of section 20A(1) of the Adoption Act 1958, the adopted person shall apply to the Registrar General—

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

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(a) 1958 c.5 (7 & 8 Eliz. 2)  
(b) 1975 c.72  
(c) 1889 c.63

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*Application for verification in connection with intended marriage*

**4.** For the purposes of section 20A(2) of the Adoption Act 1958, the adopted person shall apply to the Registrar General in the form set out in Schedule 3 to these Regulations.

Given under my hand on 11th October 1976.

*G. Paine,*  
Registrar General.

I approve.

*David Emmals,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

21st October 1976.

Regulation 3(a) SCHEDULE 1

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO BIRTH RECORDS BY A PERSON  
ADOPTED BEFORE 12th 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. I would prefer the interview to take place at (please put a tick in the box indicating your choice):—

- (a) the General Register Office, St Catherines House, Kingsway, London;
- (b) the local authority for the area where I am living;
- (c) the local authority for the area where the court made my adoption order;

or, if known,

- \* (d) The adoption society approved under section 4 of the Children Act 1975 which arranged my adoption. The name and address of the approved adoption society is

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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 no. † in the Adopted Children Register.

Signature

Address

Date

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\* (d) will not be available until section 4 of the Children Act 1975 is in force.

† 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 2

## Regulation 3(b)

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

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

2. I understand that a counselling service is available to me and 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 para. 3 below).

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

- (a) The General Register Office, St Catherines House,  
Kingsway, London;
- (b) the local authority for the area where I am living;
- (c) the local authority for the area where the court made my  
adoption order;
- or, if known,
- \***(d)** the adoption society approved under section 4 of the  
Children Act 1975 which arranged my adoption. The  
name and address of the approved adoption society is

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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 no.        † in the Adopted Children Register.

Signature

Address

Date

\***(d)** will not be available until section 4 of the Children Act 1975 is in force.

† 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.

Regulation 4

SCHEDULE 3

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

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 Maiden surname
Date of adoption	

Signature

Address

Date

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations prescribe the manner of application by an adopted person for (a) access to his birth records or (b) verification of any relationship in connection with intended marriage.

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