



VOLUNTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENTAGE

For official use only

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State File Number _____

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT WHICH WILL BE USED TO ADD A SECOND PARENT TO THE CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

Print clearly in **BLACK** ink. Cross outs and or white out are **NOT** acceptable. Do **NOT** leave any blanks. Instead, list "not applicable (NA)" or "unknown."

Please read the reverse side of this document for legal advisement and ordering information.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If the mother was **not** married at the time of conception or birth or anytime in between, the mother and second parent must complete Sections A, B, and C.
2. If the mother was **married** at the time of conception or birth or anytime in between, and the spouse is not the parent, the mother and second parent must complete Sections A, B, and C. The mother and spouse or ex-spouse must complete Section D. If spouse or ex-spouse is refusing to sign the form, parent from section C will not be listed.
3. If the mother was **married** at the time of conception or birth or anytime in between, and is refusing to list spouse, the mother must complete Sections A & B. In Section D, write "refused" across the area. See reverse for more details. Do not complete section C.

CHILD

Section A	First name(s) at birth		Middle name(s)		Last Name(s) (name on birth certificate)		Title (Jr., III, etc.)	
	Sex	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Facility of birth		City of birth		County of birth	State of birth CO
	<p>If the child's birth certificate was already filed and you wish to change the child's last name, complete the box below. The last name can only be changed to the last name of the father/parent listed in section C if the child is under the age of 18.</p> <p>We agree the child's LAST name shall now be shown on the birth certificate as ▶</p>							

MOTHER

Section B	First name(s)		Middle name(s)		Last name(s) prior to first marriage (maiden)				
	Street address			City		County		State	Zip code
	Date of birth		State or nation of birth		Daytime telephone number		Social Security number		
	<p>I have been provided with written and oral advisements of my rights and responsibilities, as written on the back of this form. I freely sign this Acknowledgment of Parentage. I understand this Acknowledgment of Parentage will be a legal finding of parentage in 60 days or when a legal action concerning the child and me is filed, whichever comes first.</p> <p>SIGNATURE of mother X</p>								Date
Witness Section ▶		Witness signature X			Print name		Date		

Select parent role if other than father: **MOTHER** **COPARENT** **OTHER** (please specify): _____

Section C	First name(s)		Middle name(s)		Last name(s)		Title (Jr., III, etc.)		
	Street address			City		County		State	Zip code
	Date of birth		State or nation of birth		Daytime telephone number		Social Security number		
	Education (highest grade completed)		Race		Hispanic origin? (if yes, specify)				
<p>I acknowledge that I am the parent of the child identified above. I request that my name be entered on the birth certificate as parent of this child.</p> <p>I have been provided with written and oral advisements of my rights and responsibilities as written on the back of this form. I freely sign this Acknowledgment of Parentage. I understand this Acknowledgment of Parentage will be a legal finding of parentage in 60 days or when a legal action concerning the child and me is filed, whichever comes first.</p> <p>SIGNATURE of parent X</p>								Date	
Witness Section ▶		Witness signature X			Print name		Date		

SPOUSE OR EX-SPOUSE

Section D	I acknowledge that I was married to the mother identified above at the time of conception, birth, or anytime in between the birth of the child. However, I am NOT the parent of this child.						Print name	Date
	SIGNATURE of spouse or ex-spouse X						Print name	Date
	Witness Section ▶		Witness signature X			Print name		Date
	I acknowledge that I was married to the spouse/ex-spouse above at the time of conception, birth, or anytime in between the birth of the child. However, they are NOT the parent of the child.						Print name	Date
SIGNATURE of mother X						Print name	Date	
Witness Section ▶		Witness signature X			Print name		Date	
<p>▼ For Official Use Only A divorce decree is not evidence of parentage. The decree must state evidence that the ex-spouse is not the parent.</p>								
Court Order or Divorce Decree Section ▶		Court case number		County and state of court order			Court file date	

Advisement to Unmarried Parents

The rights and responsibilities connected to acknowledging parentage are recorded and may be heard on the telephone numbers below:

Telephone Number for Calls Within the Denver-Metro Area: 303-894-2088
Toll-free Telephone Number for Calls Outside of the Denver-Metro Area: 1-888-839-3494
Recorded message available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week
Parentage Advisements Recording: 303-830-3572

If the parents of the child are not married it is important for parents to acknowledge parentage of the child. The following is information about acknowledging parentage and the rights and responsibilities that are connected to acknowledging parentage.

When the Acknowledgment of Parentage is signed, the parents are agreeing that they are aware of the following:

- The parents have signed the Acknowledgment of Parentage of their own free will.
- The parents understand that acknowledging parentage means they are saying they are the parents of the named child for all purposes.
- The Acknowledgment of Parentage establishes a legal parent/child relationship.
- The Acknowledgment of Parentage may be used in any legal actions about the child.
- The parents know they may have to pay financial and medical support for the child.
- After signing the Acknowledgment of Parentage, the parent’s name will be put on the child’s birth certificate.
- The Acknowledgment of Parentage does not give either parent custody or visitation rights. They may go to court for these and other rights or responsibilities to be decided.
- The parents may choose not to acknowledge parentage.
- The parents have the right to talk to an attorney, have an attorney represent them, have genetic tests done, ask the court to decide on parentage and/or acknowledge parentage later. The parents have the right to know about any court hearing on parentage and may take witnesses to court and cross examine witnesses.
- The parents may change their mind about acknowledging parentage after signing this form. Under Colorado law, the Acknowledgment of Parentage will be a legal finding of parentage within sixty days after the parents sign it. If either parent changes their mind, they must contact their juvenile county court or their private attorney or the court within 60 days after signing it or before any legal action is taken with the child and the parent(s), whichever is first. Genetic tests for parentage may be done and the parents may have to pay for the genetic tests.
- There is no charge to you for processing this form if it is completed at the time of birth and prior to registration. Leave this form with the hospital staff or midwife who will submit it to the Colorado Vital Records Section for you.

Advisement to Hospital and Midwife

Colorado Statute § 25-2-112 Section 5.2 states that if the mother was not married at the time of conception or birth, the name of the second parent shall be entered if the mother and the person to be named as the parent so request in writing on a form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar - Acknowledgment of Parentage. This is a legal document which will be used to add the parent’s information to the child’s birth certificate. The information must be printed clearly and in black ink. Cross outs and/or white out are not acceptable.

Mother Refusing to List Spouse

If the mother was married at the time of conception or birth, or any time in between, and is refusing to list the spouse/ex-spouse, the mother must complete Section A & B. In Section D, write “refused” across the area. If mother is not present to sign, the registrar may sign Section D. In this case neither the ex-spouse nor the second parent will then be listed on the birth record.

State Vital Records Fees and Advisement to Parents:

If this form was not submitted at the time of birth, return this form with a copy of driver’s licenses or an acceptable form of ID from ALL parties listed in Sections B, C, and D (excluding witnesses) to the address listed below. Processing time is 30 business days from the date of receipt (see our website www.colorado.gov/cdphe for a list of acceptable IDs).

Card Number:

Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Make checks/money orders payable to Vital Records.
All fees are non-refundable.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
 Vital Records - Birth Unit
 4300 Cherry Creek Dr South
 Denver, CO 80246-1530
 303-692-2226
cdphe_birthcertificates@state.co.us

	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> There is a \$20 fee to add the parent’s name to the birth certificate. When a change to a birth certificate has been made, any previously issued birth certificates will no longer be valid.	\$ 20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> To request a certified copy of the birth certificate with the parent’s name listed, the fee is \$20.00 for the first copy. ...	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Each additional copy of the same certificate ordered at the same time is: \$13 x _____ =	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> To exchange a previously issued birth certificate for an updated/corrected one, you must include the old birth certificate with this form. \$13 x _____ =	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> To request a certified copy of this parentage form for your records, the fee is \$17	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit card convenience charge is \$12	\$ _____
Total Charges:	\$ _____

Check box below to indicate who the birth certificate will be mailed to: Mother Father/Second Parent

PENALTY BY LAW, Section 25-2-118, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1982, if a person alters, uses, attempts to use or furnishes to another for deceptive use any vital statistics record. Please be advised there are penalties including those pursuant to C.R.S 18-5-114 for falsely witnessing this document.