



# Adult adoption process

## Check your eligibility

- The applicant must reside in or be domiciled in Western Australia.
- A person who is aged 18 years or over may be adopted by a step-parent, carer or relative who cared for them immediately before they turned 18 years of age.
- The potential adult adoptee must be present in Western Australia when the adoption application is filed.
- The potential adult adoptee must either be legally permitted to remain permanently in Australia or have been born in Western Australia.

## Steps to follow if the applicant and prospective adult adoptee are eligible to apply

The applicant must reside in or be domiciled in Western Australia.

1. Complete the 'Adult adoption registration to receive Schedule 1 information' form and send it to Adoption Services, Department of Communities.

**Email:** [adoptions@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:adoptions@communities.wa.gov.au)

or

**Mail to:**

Adoption Services  
Department of Communities  
Locked Bag 5000  
Fremantle WA 6959

2. Once the registration form is received, Adoption Services will contact the relevant parties to make an appointment for the Schedule 1 information meeting.
3. After the Schedule 1 information meeting, Adoption Services will send the applicant affidavits confirming the relevant parties have been provided with the Schedule 1 information.  
Adoption Services will have no further role unless requested to provide a report in relation to the proposed adoption by the Family Court of Western Australia (the Court).
4. The applicant must notify each birth parent in writing of their intention to apply.  
If a birth parent is unknown, deceased or cannot be found, the applicant may apply to dispense the requirement to give this notice with a supporting affidavit.
5. The applicant must obtain the application form and other required documents from the Court and lodge the completed application with the Court.  
Further information on the adoption application can be accessed from the Court's website:  
[https://www.familycourt.wa.gov.au/A/application\\_adoption.aspx](https://www.familycourt.wa.gov.au/A/application_adoption.aspx)

# Adult adoption registration to receive Schedule 1 information

Please ensure that all information is legible and correct.

Number of potential adult adoptees included in the adoption application.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 4+

The *Adoption Act 1994* states:

A person who is 18 or more years of age may be adopted by a relative or a person who was a carer or step-parent of the first-mentioned person immediately before the first-mentioned person attained 18 years of age.

**'Step-parent'** means, in relation to a person, another person who

(a) is not a birth parent or adoptive parent of the first mentioned person; and

(b) is married to, or the de facto partner of, the first-mentioned person's birth parent or adoptive parent.

**'Carer'** in relation to a child, means a person with whom the child lives and who, either alone or jointly with another person, has the daily care of the child.

**'Relative'** in relation to a person, means the person's grandparent, sibling, uncle or aunt.

## Applicant 1 (Prospective Adoptive Parent)

- Step-parent
- Carer
- Relative

Surname

Given names

Previous names

Gender

Date of birth

Age

Place of birth

Residential address

Postcode

Postal address

(if different to residential address)

Postcode

Contact number

Email

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- No
- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Both

Interpreter required?

If yes, which language

### Applicant 1 (continued)

Are you a citizen of Australia?

Yes

No

Country of citizenship other than Australia

If not, are you a permanent resident of Australia?

Yes  No

Relationship to Applicant 2 (if applicable):

Married

Date of marriage

De facto

Date of commencement

### Applicant 2 (Prospective Adoptive Parent)

Carer

Relative

Surname

Given names

Previous names

Gender

Date of birth

Age

Place of birth

Residential address

Postcode

Postal address

(if different to residential address)

Postcode

Contact number

Email

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

No

Aboriginal

Torres Strait Islander

Both

Interpreter required?

If yes, which language

Are you a citizen of Australia?

Yes

No

Country of citizenship other than Australia

If not, are you a permanent resident of Australia?

Yes  No

## Prospective adoptee (adult to be adopted)

Surname

Given name/s

Previous names

  

Gender

Date of birth

Age

Place of birth (as written on the birth certificate)

Residential address

  

Postcode

Postal address

(if different from residential address)

  

Postcode

Contact number

Email

  

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- No  
 Aboriginal  
 Torres Strait Islander  
 Both

Interpreter required?

If yes, which language

Are you a citizen of Australia?

- Yes  
 No

Country of citizenship other than Australia

If not, are you a permanent resident of Australia?

- Yes  No

### Birth parents:

Name (1)

Date of birth

or age (if known)

Name (2)

Date of birth

or age (if known)

Were you in the care of the applicant/s immediately before turning 18 years of age?

- Yes  No

At what age did you enter the care of your step-parent, carer or relative?

To add another adult adoptee, fill out the details on the next page.

## Declaration

I/We the undersigned declare that, to the best of my/our knowledge, the information I/we have provided on this form is true and correct.

Applicant 1 signature

  


Date

Applicant 2 signature

  


Date

**Additional prospective adoptee (adult to be adopted)**

Surname

Given name/s

Previous names

Gender

Date of birth           Age

Place of birth (as written on the birth certificate)

Residential address

Postcode

Postal address  
(if different from residential address)

Postcode

Contact number

Email

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?  
 No  
 Aboriginal  
 Torres Strait Islander  
 Both

Interpreter required?  
If yes, which language

Are you a citizen of Australia?  
 Yes  
 No

Country of citizenship other than Australia

If not, are you a permanent resident of Australia?  
 Yes  No

**Birth parents:**  
Name (1)

Date of birth           or age (if known)

Name (2)

Date of birth           or age (if known)

Were you in the care of the applicant/s immediately before turning 18 years of age?  
 Yes  No

At what age did you enter the care of your step-parent, carer or relative?

**If you need to include more adult adoptees, please duplicate this page.**