



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Eligibility to give consent to release an original birth certificate from a sealed adoption file

Eligible parties per Colorado Revised Statutes §19-5-305 are:

- adult adoptee (18 years of age or older)
- birth mother
- birth father

The following parties are also eligible but will need to submit the notarized *Affidavit of Relationship* verifying relationship to the adoptee:

- adoptee's biological parent
- adoptee's adoptive parent or grandparent
- biological grandparent of the adoptee
- adult biological sibling or half-sibling
- adult descendant of the adoptee or adoptive parent
- legal guardian of an adoptee
- spouse of an adoptee
- adult stepchild of an adoptee
- legal representative of any such individual through the appointment of a Confidential Intermediary*

Please note: If our records do not have the same identifiers as you have listed, we will refer you to the Confidential Intermediary Service*, the court that finalized the adoption, or the adoption agency that handled the case.

Please contact Samuel Vasquez Jr. by phone (303-692-2227) or e-mail (samuel.vasquezjr@state.co.us) with additional questions.

The fee to open a sealed adoption file and issue one certified copy of the original birth certificate is \$37.75 (per case), additional copies are \$10.00 if ordered at the same time. Please make your check payable to Vital Records, attach it to this completed form, and mail to the address shown in the instructions.

*Confidential Intermediary is a person 21 years of age or older who has completed training that meets the standards set forth by the commission pursuant to section 19-5-303 and who is authorized to inspect confidential relinquishment and adoption records at the request of an adult adoptee, adoptive parent, biological parent, or biological sibling.

