

# Adoptive Parent

## About this form

If you are a person who adopted a child before 17 August 1989 you can restrict the release of information about yourself. This is called a veto.

Placing a veto means that no information that identifies you or allows you to be traced will be released to any other party. Other eligible parties are entitled to any other information in our possession that does not identify you or allow you to be traced. Under the *Adoption Act 1988*, the Minister may authorise disclosure of any information even if a veto is in place if that disclosure is necessary in the interests of the welfare of an adopted person. This is only under very exceptional circumstances and rarely occurs.

In the case of adoptive parents' information, your veto must not prevent the disclosure of information to the birth parent about the welfare or whereabouts of the adopted person, although every attempt will be made to be sensitive to the issues for you and to protect your privacy.

**Please note that on 7 December 2016 legislation was passed in the South Australian Parliament to remove the adoption information veto system and phase it out over 5 years. It is intended that these provisions will come into force in mid-2017.**

## About you

What is your full name?		
If you had a previous name, what was it?		
What is your current address?		
	Postcode:	
Telephone:	Home:	Work:
	Mobile:	
E-Mail:		
What is your adopted child's date of birth?		
Where was your child born?		
What was your full name when you adopted the child (if different from above)?		
What was your child's name after the adoption?		
<b>* PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM (Please see over page)</b>		

## Contact address

If you wish us to contact you at an address other than your own (eg. friend, relative or post box), please provide that address below. **Please keep us informed of any changes to your name or address.**


**Office use only:**

**PLEASE TURN OVER**

## Expiry, reminders and renewal

This veto is valid for five years only from the date we record. If you renew it now, your veto will automatically continue to the end of the 5 year period (mentioned on page 1) which is likely to commence in mid-2017. If you wish to cancel this veto at any time, you must do so in writing.

Please contact us if you have concerns about how the new legislation will impact on you.

The following questions will allow us to take your wishes into account.

YES NO

I wish to be notified when my veto has been recorded.

 

If another party has left a message, item or information for me, I would like to receive it.

 

I wish to be advised if an enquiry has already been made about me.

 

I wish to be advised if any future enquiries are made about me (*this would be done with the permission of the person making the enquiry*).

 

I wish to be notified when my veto is about to expire.

 

## Proof of identity and change of name

For your protection, we require two documents proving your identity, **one of which must show your signature**. These can be *driver's licence, pension card, bank/credit cards, passport, full birth certificate, student card*.

**DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS**, photocopies are acceptable. **If you have changed your name since the adoption, copies of documents which prove your change of name must also be provided.** These can be *marriage certificate(s), change of name certificate(s)*.

This form can only be accepted from the person placing the veto. **Failure to provide sufficient identification will mean your veto is not officially lodged.**

## Leaving a message

It can sometimes be distressing for a person applying for adoption information to find that a veto is in place. If they have some explanation as to why you placed this veto, it can help them to understand your position. If you wish to leave any message, explanation, information or item for another party, we will keep this until that party indicates their wish to receive it. **You can write a message in the space below. Please feel free to attach another page if you run out of room.**

## Signature

You must sign and date this form in order for your veto to be officially lodged.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Your signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

When you have completed this form, please return it to:

Department for Child Protection  
Customer Services Unit

**Postal address**

GPO Box 1072  
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Or: Placement Services, Level 7, 108 North Terrace  
Adelaide SA 5000

**Phone:** (08) 8207 2648

**Website:** [www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/adoption](http://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/adoption)

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