

For Official Use Only:

Yes / No

CERTIFICATE OF PARENTAGE

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE IN BLACK OR BLUE INK

Name of child as it appears on the birth certificate:

First Middle Last Sex (M/F)
who was born in _____ / _____ on _____ (Date of Birth) Month - spelled out | Day Year
Birthing Facility City/Town State

MOTHER

Place of Birth _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | Date of Birth _____ | _____ | _____ | _____
City or Town _____ | State _____ | Country _____ | Month _____ | Day _____ | Year _____

Employer _____ | _____ Occupation _____
Name _____ Address _____

Was Mother Married at Time of Conception? (Circle One) Yes / No

Informant _____

I understand and consent to the acknowledgment of paternity and that the man named below is the only possible father of the child named above. *I have read and have had read to me my legal rights and obligations resulting from acknowledging paternity, and I understand the information on both sides of this form. I certify the above information is true.*

State of New Jersey, County of _____, The above-named _____

FATHER

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Name _____

Residence _____ No. & Street Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Social Security # _____

Place of Birth _____ City or Town _____ State _____ Country _____ Date of Birth _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Name _____ Address _____

resulting from acknowledging paternity, and I understand the information on **both sides** of this form. By signing this form I am consenting to have my information added to the child's birth certificate. I certify the above information is true.

State of New Jersey, County of _____, The above named _____

signed and affirmed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
[Signature]

This Certificate of Parentage must be filed with the State or county child support office of the local registrar's office in the community where the

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF YOU SIGN THIS FORM?

By signing this *Certificate of Parentage* you are legally establishing your child's paternity. Paternity means fatherhood. For parents who are not married to each other, paternity may be established legally only by signing this form or by going to court. Parents who are married to each other do not need to sign this form because their child's paternity is already established.

Signing the form is voluntary. However, since signing this form has legal consequences, you may want to consult an attorney before you sign.

Paternity is legally established on the date both parents sign this form. **If you want to have a blood or genetic test to verify paternity, do not sign this form until you have received the results of the test.** Once signed by both parents and witnessed or notarized, this form will have the same binding effect as a court judgment of paternity.

This form allows a parent to seek a child support order without further court proceedings to establish paternity. This form may be filed in court and serve as the basis for orders of custody or visitation.

This form is not a public record. It will only be available to the parents and child named on this form, the child's legal guardian or legal representative, or government officials in the conduct of their official duties.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS PARENTS?

Both parents are required by law to support their child from birth. If your child does not live with you, you may be ordered by the court to pay child support until the child's eighteenth birthday, or beyond in some circumstances.

A parent who does not live with the child may have the right to visit and establish a relationship with the child as you both agree or as ordered by the court.

HOW WILL YOUR CHILD BENEFIT IF YOU SIGN THIS FORM?

Every child has the right to know his or her mother and father and benefit from a relationship with both parents. Your child will have two legal parents. It will be easier for your child to learn the medical histories of both parents and to benefit from healthcare coverage available to you.

Your child has a right to financial support from both of you until age eighteen, or beyond in some circumstances. It will be easier for your child to receive benefits such as dependent or survivor's benefits from the Veteran's Administration or from the Social Security Administration.

It will be easier for your child to inherit through you.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

This *Certificate of Parentage* can be rescinded at any time within **60 days** of the date signed if **both parties** agree to rescind by filing a *Revision of Certificate of Parentage* with the Bureau of Vital Records.

If only one person wants to rescind within the 60 day timeframe, an action must be filed with the court.

If the *Certificate of Parentage* is rescinded within the 60 day time frame, the father's name and information will be removed from your child's birth certificate. **Please note**, however, that either party can later bring a court action to establish paternity.

After this 60 day period, parents can challenge the *Certificate of Parentage* in court **only** on the basis of fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact. The parent attempting to rescind must provide proof of fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact.