

Instructions for completing
Petition for Adoption of an Adult
(NHJB-2519-P)

Form use. This petition is the primary form filed in the adoption of an adult, although other documents as well as an original birth certificate for the adoptee are also required.

Top part of form

- COURT NAME:** Enter the name of the county probate court where the document will be filed. (example: Belknap County Probate Court; Rockingham County Probate Court).
- CASE NAME:** Enter the name of the adult who will be adopted (example: Adoption of John Adams; Adoption of Susan Jones).
- CASE NUMBER:** Leave blank if not yet assigned by court OR fill in case number if it is known.

Numbered part of form

1. **Petitioner Name** is the name of the person filing the petition. Enter that person's name and **date of birth**. If there are co-petitioners, enter the second person's name and date of birth on the lines provided. Enter the complete mailing **address with zip code**, and **telephone number**. Enter the complete **residence** address including city or town, and the length of time the petitioner (s) have resided there.
2. Complete this section **ONLY** if the petitioner has an **attorney** helping with this case. Enter his or her name, telephone number, complete mailing address including zip code and the attorney's NH Bar identification number.
3. Check off one box to indicate the **marital status of petitioner(s) – married, civil union, single or other**. If married or civil union is selected, enter the **date and place of ceremony** on the line provided.
4. The **Petitioner(s) relationship to child** is the current relationship with the proposed adoptee, such as foster parent, step-parent, aunt/uncle, friend, etc.
5. The **Adoptee's Birth Name** is the name given to the adoptee at birth. Enter that name on the line provided. Also, enter the adoptee's **telephone number, date of birth, place of birth** and the address where the adoptee lives.
6. Enter the **Birth Mother Name**, mailing address with zip code and telephone number on the lines provided.
7. Enter the **Birth Father Name**, mailing address with zip code and telephone number on the lines provided.

Signature section

In the paragraph prior to the signatures, the petitioners request the adoption be granted by the court and the **name of the adoptee be changed**. Check the first box and enter the new name for the adoptee as it should appear on the birth certificate. If the adoptee will use a name other than that on the birth certificate (for example, if the adoptee uses a married name), also check off the second box and enter the adoptee's legal name.

This form must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace. They will complete the section immediately following your signature. You will sign the form on the

Petitioner's Signature line, and date it in the appropriate space to the left. If there are two petitioners, both petitioners must sign and date the form.

Assents

The following assents are to be completed **ONLY** if applicable to this petition.

ADOPTEE'S ASSENT

If the adoptee mentioned in this petition is age 14 or older, he/she must give assent in the presence of the Judge to this adoption and change of name, if applicable. The adoptee will sign the form on the **Adoptee's Signature** line and date it in the appropriate space to the left. The **Presiding Judge** will sign on the line provided.

ASSENT OF PETITIONER'S SPOUSE WHO IS PARENT OF ADOPTEE

If a birth parent's spouse is adopting the adoptee, and the birth parent intends to maintain all parental right along with the petitioner, he/she must assent to the petitioner's adoption in this section. Signing in this section assures that his/her name will remain on the birth certificate along with the new step-parent.

ASSENT OF PETITIONER'S SPOUSE TO ADOPTION OF ADOPTEE

If the spouse of the petitioner is not the co-petitioner, he/she must assent to the petitioner's adoption of the adoptee by signing his/her name on the **Spouse Signature** line and date it in the appropriate space to the left.

ASSENT OF ADOPTEE'S SPOUSE

The spouse of the adoptee must assent to this adoption by signing his/her name on the **Spouse Signature** line and date it in the appropriate space to the left.

Decree

This section will be completed by the judge once the document is filed with the court and reviewed in detail by the judge.

Review the completed form for accuracy prior to filing it with the court. If completing this form on-line, some fields may be filled in automatically based on entries in other fields. If more space is needed for any question, please attach additional sheets of paper.