

Service Center
New Hampshire Circuit Court

ADOPTION OF AN ADULT

Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

- Petition for Adoption of an Adult form (NHJB-2519-P)
- Certified copy of adoptee's Birth Certificate
- Confidential Report of City and Town Clerk Relative to Adoption form (VS-37)

Other items that may be needed:

- Photo identification may be required.

How much will this cost?

- Filing fee of **\$150.00** for each petition filed.

What happens next?

- You will receive a Notice of Hearing in the mail. This notice will inform you of the date, time and place of the hearing. The adoptive parents and adoptee are required to attend the hearing.
- At the final hearing, the adult adoptee will receive the Certificate of Adoption.
- When the adoption is finalized and if the parties have requested a new birth certificate on the VS-37 form, the adult adoptee may contact the city/town hall where he/she was born, the NH Division of Vital Records or if born out of state, that state's Vital Records Division. Please allow 6-8 weeks before requesting the birth certificate. Information on obtaining a birth certificate is available at:

<http://www.courts.state.nh.us/probate/servicecenters/pamphlets/index.htm>

**Forms and Instructions are available at any NH Circuit Court – Probate Division
or at**

www.courts.state.nh.us/probate