










# OHIO'S NEW ADOPTION RECORDS LAW

## WHAT TO DO & WHEN TO DO IT

DATE OF ADOPTION FINALIZATION	START DATE	THINGS TO DO
All Years	<b>NOW</b>	 <div data-bbox="592 443 885 524">EXPLORE YOUR SEARCH OPTIONS</div>  <div data-bbox="1096 443 1591 524">FIND POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUPS &amp; RESOURCES</div> <p data-bbox="633 551 1396 631">Non-profit organizations like Adoption Network Cleveland and Ohio Birthparent Group can help.</p>
All Years	<b>NOW</b>	<div data-bbox="657 712 1242 792">REQUEST YOUR NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION</div>  <div data-bbox="1404 712 1518 819">18+</div> <p data-bbox="462 819 1583 927">If you are age 18 or older, you can locate more information about your personal history by <b>Requesting Your Non-Identifying Information</b> from the attorney or agency that facilitated your adoption. These requests can take months to process, so start today!</p>
All Years	<b>NOW</b>	<div data-bbox="568 967 682 1115">FORM HEA 3036</div> <div data-bbox="706 994 1161 1075">FILE AN AUTHORIZATION OF RELEASE OF ADOPTED NAME</div>  <div data-bbox="1396 981 1518 1115">21+</div> <p data-bbox="446 1115 1599 1276">If you are age 21 or older and want your adopted name to be released to your birthparents or siblings, you can file an <b>Authorization of Release of Adopted Name (HEA 3036)</b>. If a birthparent or sibling files an Application for Release of Adopted Name (HEA 3039), your adopted name can be released to them if your authorization is on file.</p>
Dec 31, 1963 and earlier	<b>NOW</b>	 <div data-bbox="706 1330 1388 1491">ADOPTION FILES HELD BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ARE <b>ALREADY OPEN</b> TO ADOPTEES OF THIS ERA. REQUEST YOUR INFORMATION TODAY (FORM HEA 3011)!</div> <div data-bbox="1445 1330 1567 1491">FORM HEA 3011</div>
On/After Sept 18, 1996	 <p data-bbox="284 1760 381 1868">SEPT 2014</p>	 <div data-bbox="722 1612 1388 1733">ADOPTION FILES HELD BY OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ARE <b>ALREADY OPEN</b> TO ADOPTEES OF THIS ERA!</div> <div data-bbox="1445 1599 1567 1760">FORM HEA 3038</div> <p data-bbox="438 1800 1599 1989">If your adoption was finalized on/after Sept 18th, 1996, Ohio Department of Health (ODH) already makes your adoption file available once you turn 18. If you are age 18-20, your adoptive parents can file <b>Form HEA 3038</b> to request your adoption file on your behalf. Adoptees ages 21+ can file Form HEA 3038 directly. Adoptees will receive the contents of their file unless their birthparent has denied access.</p>
Jan 1, 1964- Sept 17, 1996	 <p data-bbox="284 2190 381 2298">MARCH 20 2015</p>	 <div data-bbox="820 2083 1404 2177">REQUEST YOUR ADOPTION FILE FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</div> <p data-bbox="495 2217 1550 2378"><b>ADOPTEE WINDOW OPENS</b> to begin requesting your adoption files from Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Do NOT submit requests to ODH before this date, as they will not be considered prior to opening day. More information about these request forms will be available closer to 'opening day' of the Adoptee Window.</p>

THERE IS SUPPORT AVAILABLE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT THESE CHOICES OR ADOPTION ISSUES IN GENERAL.



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