

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. An original birth certificate for the adoptee and any required Surrenders and Assents are also required.

Top part of form

- COURT NAME:** Enter the name of the court where the document will be filed.
- 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 A** 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 for **Petitioner B**. For each petitioner enter the complete mailing **address with zip code**, and **telephone number**. For each petitioner enter the complete **residence** address including city or town, and the length of time the petitioner has resided there. For each petitioner, check one box to indicate their marital status. Enter each petitioner's relationship to the adoptee, i.e., the current relationship with the proposed adoptee, such as foster parent, step-parent, aunt/uncle, friend, etc.
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. 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 NH Bar Identification number.
4. If there is more than one petitioner, enter the **petitioners' relationship to one another**.
5. The **Adoptee's Legal Name** is either the name given to the adoptee at birth or, if that name has been changed by marriage or by a court order, it is the current legal name. Enter this 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 name of **Legal Parent A (as currently listed on adoptee's birth certificate)** and mailing address with zip code and telephone number on the lines provided.
7. Enter the name of **Legal Parent B (as currently listed on adoptee's birth certificate)** and 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, if applicable, the **name of the adoptee be changed**. If **name change is requested**, 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. Petitioners will sign the form on the **Petitioner's Signature** lines, 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

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 OR PARTNER WHO IS PARENT OF ADOPTEE

If a birth parent's spouse or partner 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 parent.

ASSENT OF PETITIONER'S SPOUSE TO ADOPTION OF ADOPTEE

If the spouse of the petitioner is not a 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

If the person being adopted is married, 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 more space is needed for any question, please attach additional sheets of paper.