

ADOPT-210

Adoption Agreement

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Fill in court name and street address:
Superior Court of California, County of

Court fills in case number when form is filed.
Case Number:

1 Your name(s) (adopting parent(s)):
 a. _____
 b. _____
 Relationship to child: _____
 Address (skip this if you have a lawyer): _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone number: _____
 Lawyer (if any): (Name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and State Bar number): _____

2 Child's name before adoption: _____
 Child's name after adoption: _____
 Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Signing this forms:

- Adoptions usually require a hearing where most signatures on this form must be completed in front of a judge.
- Item 4(b) maybe signed before the hearing.
- If this is a stepparent adoption to confirm parentage involving a spouse or registered domestic partner who gave birth to the child during the union, usually no hearing is required and you may sign this form in front of a proper witness. See paragraph 8(a) for instructions on having your signature properly witnessed. If the court orders a hearing in this case, you must sign this form at the hearing in front of the judge.
- All other signatures must be signed at a hearing, in front of a judge, unless waived by the judge for good cause.

3 I am the child listed in 2 and I agree to the adoption. (Not required in the case of a tribal customary adoption under Welf. & Inst. Code, § 366.24.)

Date: _____
 Type or print your name
 Signature of child (child must sign if 12 or older; optional if child is under 12)

4 If there is only one adopting parent, read and sign below.

- a. I am the adopting parent listed in 1, and I agree that the child will:
- (1) Be adopted and treated as my legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and
 - (2) Have the same rights as a natural child born to me, including the right to inherit my estate.

Date: _____
 Type or print your name
 Signature of adopting parent



Your name: _____

b. I am married to, or the registered domestic partner of, the adopting parent listed in ①, and I am not a party to this adoption. I agree to his or her adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name
Signature of spouse or registered domestic partner
(may be signed before hearing)

⑤ If there are **two** adopting parents, read and sign below. We are the adopting parents listed in ①, and we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as our legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights as a natural child born to us, including the right to inherit our estate.

I agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name
Signature of adopting parent

I agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name
Signature of adopting parent

⑥ If this is a tribal customary adoption, read and sign below. I/we are the adopting parents listed in ①, and I/we agree that the child will:

- a. Be adopted and treated as my/our legal child (Fam. Code, § 8612(b)) and
- b. Have the same rights and duties stated in the tribal customary adoption order dated _____ (copy attached).

If two adopting parents, we agree to the other parent's adoption of the child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name
Signature of adopting parent

Date: _____
Type or print your name
Signature of adopting parent

⑦ For stepparent adoptions only:
If you are the legal parent of the child listed in ②, read and sign below.

I am the legal parent of the child and am the spouse or registered domestic partner of the adopting parent listed in ①, and I agree to his or her adoption of my child.

Date: _____
Type or print your name
Signature of legal parent



Your name: _____

Case Number:

8 Executed (check one):

a. This form was signed outside of a hearing. *(Select this option only for a stepparent adoption involving a spouse or partner who gave birth to the child during the union, where the court did not order a hearing for good cause.)*

(1) This form was signed **in** California

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness *(check one)*:

- notary public *(the notary acknowledgment is attached)*
- court clerk
- probation officer
- qualified court investigator
- authorized representative of a licensed adoption agency
- county welfare department staff member

(2) This form was signed **outside** of California

This form was signed in front of the following type of witness *(check one)*:

- notary public *(the notary acknowledgment is attached)*
- other person authorized to perform notarial acts *(proof of notarization is attached)*
- authorized representative of an adoption agency that is licensed in the state or country where this form was signed

(3) Witness information

This form was signed in: *(county)* _____ *(state)* _____ *(country)* _____

Name of witness: _____

Agency witness works for *(if applicable)*: _____

Date: _____

Witness signature: _____

b. This form was signed at a hearing in front of a judicial officer. *(The judge will date and sign the form below.)*

Date: _____

Judge (or Judicial Officer)