

ADULT ADOPTION

IMPORTANT REMINDER

While Mohave County Superior Court does not currently charge a fee to file for an Adult Adoption, you will have to pay an investigator to complete a report for the court.

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D. The adopting person and the person to be adopted may file in the court in the county in which either resides a petition for a decree of adoption. The court shall assign the case to a division of the superior court that shall fix a time and place for a hearing on the petition. Both the person adopting and the person to be adopted shall appear at the hearing in person. An attorney may appear on behalf of a person who is not able to appear if the attorney has that person's written authorization. The court may require notice of the time and place of the hearing to be served on any other interested persons. Any interested person may appear and object to the proposed adoption. **Before the hearing, a person designated by the court shall submit a written report concerning information that person gathers by observation or investigation regarding the welfare, competency and best interests of the parties and the public.** The court in its discretion may require additional investigation if it finds that the welfare of the proposed adoptee will be served or if additional information is necessary to make an appropriate decision regarding the adoption.

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To Request an Adult Adoption

Forms and Instructions

ADULT ADOPTION

CHECKLIST

You may use this packet if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ You, or the person you are asking to adopt, are a resident of the county where you are filing this request.
- ✓ You want to ask the Court to adopt either another adult person who is at least 18 years of age and not more than 21 years of age,

OR

You want to ask the Court to adopt an adult person who is your stepchild, niece, nephew, cousin or grandchild,

OR

You are a foster parent, and want to ask the Court to adopt an adult person who was placed in your care as a juvenile, and you have maintained a familial relationship with that person for five or more years, AND

- ✓ The adult you are asking to adopt consents to the adoption, AND
- ✓ (If applicable) The spouse of the Adoptor and/or Adoptee consent to the adoption, AND
- ✓ (If applicable) You understand that any name change that results from this adoption will neither harm your rights nor release you from any obligations or liabilities incurrent from your current name.

READ ME: Consulting a lawyer before filing documents with the court may help prevent unexpected results.

ADULT ADOPTION

This packet contains court forms and instructions to file a request to adopt an adult. Items in **BOLD** are forms that you will need to file with the Court. Non-bold items are instructions or procedures. Do not copy or file those pages!

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PROCEDURES: HOW TO FILE FOR AN ADULT ADOPTION

Adoptor = Person adopting another; Adoptee = Person being adopted

STEP 1. Complete the following documents:

Adoption cover sheet and Information Sheet to Court Investigator (make at least 2 extra copies)

Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and for Decree of Adoption (make at least 2 extra copies)

Consent to Adult Adoption and Waiver of Notice (to be completed by the spouse(s) of the Adoptor and Adoptee, if applicable), (make at least 2 extra copies)

Notice of Hearing

STEP 2. Obtain copies (NOT originals or certified copies) of the following documents to include with your petition: Birth certificate of Adoptor, birth certificate of Adoptor's spouse (if applicable), marriage license of Adoptor (if applicable), birth certificate of Adoptee and marriage license of Adoptee (if applicable).

STEP 3. File the original papers and copies with your local superior court in Mohave County. Your copies will be stamped in by the clerk and returned to you – one set for the Adoptor and one set for the Adoptee.

GO TO: GO TO THE CLERK OF COURT TO FILE YOUR PAPERS:

Mohave County Superior Court
Kingman Office
415 E. Spring Street
PO Box 7000
Kingman, AZ 86402
Business Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:00am to 5:00pm

Mohave County Superior Court
Bullhead City Office
2225 Trane Road
Bullhead City, AZ 86442
Business Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:30am to 12:00pm
1:30pm to 4:30pm

Mohave County Superior Court
Lake Havasu City Office
2001 College Drive
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404
Business Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:30am to 12:00pm
1:30pm to 4:30pm

STEP 4. Receive the Notice of Hearing in the mail. Along with the Notice of Hearing will be a minute order issued by the court which assigns an investigator to complete a report for the court.

STEP 5. An investigator will be appointed by the court and will contact you. Make sure the investigator is aware of when he/she must have their report done and submitted to the court (prior to the hearing).

STEP 6. Serve Notice

Serve the Notice of Hearing and the Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult to everyone who is legally entitled to know about the court case. To “serve” notice means to deliver notice as required or permitted by law. Persons entitled to notice may sign a notarized Consent to Adult Adoption and Waiver of Notice (which will allow you to NOT serve notice to those persons unless they later file to reverse that waiver).

STEP 7: Complete the Declaration of Notice and file with the court

STEP 8: Attend the Hearing

By law, the Adoptor and the Adoptee must appear at the adoption hearing unless it is impossible to do so. If they cannot appear at the hearing, they must make arrangements to appear telephonically at the hearing, if permitted by the judge.

Make sure to bring these documents to the hearing: Decree of Adoption, photo identification for the Adoptor, photo identification for the Adoptee, originals or certified copies of the birth certificate of Adoptor, birth certificate of Adoptor’s Spouse (if applicable), marriage license of Adoptor (if applicable), birth certificate of Adoptee and marriage license of Adoptee (if applicable).

NOTE: If the court has ordered that the name on your Arizona birth records be changed, you will need to provide the Office of Vital Records with a certified copy of the Decree of Adoption. A certified copy of the Decree of Adoption can be obtained from the Clerk’s Office for a fee. You may purchase a new birth certificate at your local Health Department for a fee.

Adult adoption; agreement; consent of spouse; court procedure; petition

A. Any adult person may adopt either another adult person who is at least eighteen years of age and not more than twenty-one years of age and who consents to the adoption or another adult person who is a stepchild, niece, nephew, cousin or grandchild of the adopting person, by an agreement of adoption approved by a decree of adoption of the court in the county in which either the person adopting or the person adopted resides. A foster parent may adopt an adult who was placed in the foster parent's care when the adult was a juvenile if the foster parent has maintained a continuous familial relationship with that person for five or more years.

B. The agreement of adoption shall be in writing, shall be executed by the person adopting the person to be adopted and shall state that the parties agree to assume toward each other the legal relation of parent and child and to have all of the rights and to be subject to all of the duties and responsibilities of that relation.

C. A married person who is not legally separated from that person's spouse cannot adopt an adult person without the consent of the spouse of the adopting person if the spouse is capable of giving the consent. A married person who is not legally separated from that person's spouse cannot be adopted without the consent of the spouse of the person to be adopted if the spouse is capable of giving that consent. Neither the consent of the natural parent or parents of the person to be adopted, of the division nor of any other person is required.

D. The adopting person and the person to be adopted may file in the court in the county in which either resides a petition for a decree of adoption. The court shall assign the case to a division of the superior court that shall fix a time and place for a hearing on the petition. Both the person adopting and the person to be adopted shall appear at the hearing in person. An attorney may appear on behalf of a person who is not able to appear if the attorney has that person's written authorization. The court may require notice of the time and place of the hearing to be served on any other interested persons. Any interested person may appear and object to the proposed adoption. Before the hearing, a person designated by the court shall submit a written report concerning information that person gathers by observation or investigation regarding the welfare, competency and best interests of the parties and the public. The court in its discretion may require additional investigation if it finds that the welfare of the proposed adoptee will be served or if additional information is necessary to make an appropriate decision regarding the adoption.

E. At the hearing the court shall examine the parties or the attorney of any party who is not present. If the court determines that the adoption will be for the best interests of the parties and in the public interest, the court shall approve the agreement of adoption and make a decree of adoption declaring that the person adopted is the child of the adopting person. If the court determines that the adoption is not in the best interests of the parties and the public interest, the court shall deny the petition for adoption.

F. The petition for adoption shall state:

1. The length and nature of the relationship between the person seeking to adopt and the proposed adoptee.
2. The degree of kinship, if any.
3. The reason the adoption is sought, together with a statement as to why the adoption would be in the best interests of the person seeking to adopt, the proposed adoptee and the public.
4. The names and addresses of any living parents or adult children of the proposed adoptee.
5. Whether the person seeking to adopt or that person's spouse has previously adopted any other adult person and, if so, the name of the person with the date and place of the adoption.

G. In determining whether or not the adoption of any person is in the public interest or the best interests of the persons seeking the adoption, the court may consider evidence without regard to the rules of evidence.

Person Filing: _____

Address (if not protected): _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Lawyer's Bar Number: _____

Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MOHAVE COUNTY ADULT ADOPTION COVER SHEET

Case Number: PB _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE OF ADULT ADOPTEE (person to be adopted)

NAME: _____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____
MAILING ADDRESS : _____	
STREET ADDRESS (if different): _____	
TELEPHONE (Home): _____	SSN: _____
TELEPHONE (Cellular): _____	EMAIL: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTOR(s), the person filing these papers.

NAME: _____	
MAILING ADDRESS: _____	
TELEPHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____
INFORMATION ABOUT PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY: ☐ Petitioner is not represented by an attorney, or	
NAME: _____	BAR # _____
TELEPHONE: _____	EMAIL: _____

☐ An INTERPRETER IS NEEDED for this language: _____ By _____

(List Names of) Persons who need interpreter: Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

COURT USE ONLY: Reason fees not paid: Government Agency ☐ Waived ☐ Deferred ☐

TYPE OF ACTION: Place an "X" next to number which describes the nature of the case.

 X Adult Adoption

By signing below, I state to the Court under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Petitioner or Attorney Signature

3. INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED ADOPTOR'S ATTORNEY (if applicable):

Name:		Telephone:	
Address:			
Email Address:			

4. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE'S NATURAL PARENTS:

	Natural Mother			Natural Father		
Name:						
Address:						
City, State, Zip Code:						
Home Telephone:						
Work Telephone:						
Are the natural parents aware of the adoption?:	Yes	No		Yes	No	
Do the natural parents approve of the adoption?:	Yes	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown

For Court Use Only:

Date and Time of Hearing: _____

Judicial Officer _____

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MOHAVE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of

Case Number PB: _____

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)

An Adult

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION:

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ARIZONA LAW (A.R.S. § 14-8101)

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PETITIONER / ADOPTOR (the person wishing to adopt another)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Unmarried

My interest in or relationship to the person to be adopted is: _____

(examples: stepparent, foster parent, uncle/aunt, cousin, grandparent, friend, etc.)

I am filing this petition to formalize a family situation which has existed for _____ years.
(Number of Years)

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE (the person being adopted)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Unmarried

3. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ADOPTEE'S NATURAL PARENTS:

Mother's Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

Father's Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

4. REASON FOR ADOPTION: The parties are requesting this adoption, and believe it is in the best interest of the person seeking to adopt, the adoptee, and the public, because:

5. INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER ADULT ADOPTIONS:

(Check one box.)

☐ The Petitioner has never previously adopted another adult person.

OR

☐ The Petitioner has previously adopted another adult person(s). (If "yes", provide details below.)

Name: _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

Name: _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

Name: _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

Name: _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

Name: _____

Date of Adoption: _____

Place of Adoption (City, State, Nation): _____

(If more spaces are required, make an additional copy of this page and attach.)

6. **PERSONS ENTITLED TO NOTICE** of this matter and to whom I will give notice of this case:
(See instructions.)

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Relationship to the Adoptee</u>
A.	_____	_____	_____
B.	_____	_____	_____
C.	_____	_____	_____
D.	_____	_____	_____

STATEMENTS TO THE COURT:

(Note: All of these statements must be true for this court to grant your Petition.)

7. ☐ TRUE **Venue** (the court in which you are filing this Petition) is proper in this county because either the Adoptor or Adoptee lives in this county.
8. ☐ TRUE The parties agree to assume toward each other the legal relation of parent and child. Adopting parent will hereafter treat adoptee as if he/she were the natural child of the adopting parent. Adoptee will hereafter treat the adopting parent as his/her natural parent. Both parties shall have all of the rights and be subject to all of the duties and responsibilities of parent and child.

REQUESTS TO THE COURT:

Petitioner asks the Court to:

1. Make a finding that this adoption is in the best interests of the Adoptor, Adoptee, and the public.
2. Approve the Adoption Agreement between the Adoptor and Adoptee.
3. Issue a Decree of Adoption in this matter.
4. (If desired by the Adoptee. If no name change is desired, leave blank.)
Order that the Adoptee's name be changed to the following:

First	Middle	Last

I ask that the birth records be ordered changed to reflect the new name requested above.

5. Make any other orders the Court decides are in the best interests of the Adoptor, Adoptee, and the public.

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Adoptor

Signature of Adoptee

Case Number PB: _____

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of Mohave)

_____, the above named **Adoptor** in this matter, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
(Name of Adoptor)

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm that I am the **Adoptor** and Petitioner in this matter. By signing below, I state to the Court that I have read and understood the contents of this document, and that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Adoptor)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)

_____.

(notary seal)

Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
County of Mohave)

_____, the above named **Adoptee** in this matter, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
(Name of Adoptee)

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm that I am the **Adoptee** and named in this matter. By signing below, I state to the Court that I have read and understood the contents of this document, and that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Adoptee)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)

_____.

(notary seal)

Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MOHAVE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of

Case Number PB: _____

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)

An Adult

CONSENT TO ADULT ADOPTION and WAIVER OF NOTICE

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION:

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ARIZONA LAW (A.R.S. § 14-8101)

1. INFORMATION ABOUT ME:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I AM (Please check all that apply):

- ☐ the Spouse of the Adoptor (person seeking to adopt another)
☐ the Spouse of the Adoptee (person being adopted)
☐ Natural Parent of the Adoptee
☐ Other (please describe): _____

2. I have read the Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and for Decree of Adoption, and consent to the adoption of:

_____ by _____
(Name of Adoptee – Person to be Adopted) (Name of Adoptor – Person Adopting Another)

3. I waive notice of all further proceedings in this matter.

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Signature

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by _____
(date)

(notary seal)

Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MOHAVE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of:

Case Number PB: _____

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)

An Adult

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: Your rights may be affected.
An important court proceeding that affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or the other court papers, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Petitioner has filed with the Court the following:



**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT
AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION**

2. **COURT HEARING.** A court hearing has been scheduled to consider the Petition and matters in the court papers as follows:

DATE and TIME: _____

PLACE: _____

JUDICIAL OFFICER: _____

3. **RESPONSE TO PETITION.** You are not required to respond to this Petition, but if you choose to respond, you *may* do so by filing a written response *or* by appearing in-person at the hearing. *If you choose to file a written response:*

- File the original with the Court;
- Provide a copy to the office of the Judicial Officer named above; and
- Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

If you object to any part of the Petition or Motion that accompanies this notice, you must file with the court a written objection describing the legal basis for your objection at least three (3) days before the hearing date or you must appear in person or through an attorney at the time and place set forth in the notice of hearing. There is a FEE for filing a response. If you cannot afford the fee, you may file a *Fee Deferral Application* with the Court.

DATED: _____
(Month / Day / Year)

Petitioner's Signature

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MOHAVE COUNTY

In the Matter of:

Case Number: PB _____

An Adult

DECLARATION OF NOTICE PROVIDED Regarding A Matter of an Adult Adoption

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

- 1 DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:** I provided copies of the following court documents to the persons named below. (Check only those that apply.)



**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR AN ADULT
AND FOR DECREE OF ADOPTION**

- 2 TO WHOM I GAVE NOTICE:** These are the people to whom I gave copies of all the documents indicated above. State the relationship between the person who is being adopted and the person you gave the copies to.

- A. **Person Given Notice (Name):** _____
B. **Relation:** _____
C. **Date Mailed or Delivered:** _____
D. **Method of Delivery:** _____ (Check at least one box and complete the information below)

- ☐ **Personal service** (File affidavit of process server or sheriff)
☐ **1st class mail, postage prepaid**
☐ **Certified mail** (if applicable, attach green return receipt card to this paper)
☐ **Hand delivery by:** (name) _____

- A. **Person Given Notice (Name):** _____
B. **Relation:** _____
C. **Date Mailed or Delivered:** _____
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UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Petitioner's Signature

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____
Licensed Fiduciary Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MOHAVE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of

Case Number PB: _____

_____,
(Name of Adoptee)

DECREE OF ADOPTION

An Adult

The Court has read the sworn "**Petition for Approval of Adoption Agreement for an Adult and for Decree of Adoption**" and held a hearing to determine whether the Court should enter the Order requested in the Petition.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Petitioner is entitled to file the Petition under Arizona law, A.R.S. §14-8101(A);
2. Petitioner has given "**Notice of Hearing**" as required by law or "**Notice of Hearing**" was waived by all interested parties;
3. Venue in this county is proper;
4. Any reports by a court investigator have been considered by the Court;
5. Pursuant to A.R.S. §14-8101(E), the Petition is in the best interest of the Adoptor, Adoptee, and the public.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. **ADOPTION FOR AN ADULT:** The Court issues this Decree approving the adoption for

_____, hereby decreed as the parent of
(Name of Adoptor)

_____, an adult.
(Name of Adoptee)

2. NO NAME CHANGE

- ☐ The legal name of the Adoptee will remain unchanged.

3. NAME CHANGE

- ☐ The current legal name of the Adoptee:

First	Middle	Last

Date of Birth: / /

Month Day Year

Place of Birth: _____

City State Nation

IS CHANGED TO:

First	Middle	Last

4. ☐ For a person born in the State of Arizona, the Office of Vital Records is ordered to amend the birth record to reflect the adoption and new name as above ordered.

☐ For a person born in any other state, to the extent that the agency that maintains birth records in that state is authorized to honor an order of this Court, that agency is requested or ordered to amend its birth records to reflect the adoption and new name as above ordered.
5. This Order does not release the Adoptee from any obligations incurred or harm any rights of property action in any original name.
6. Other orders: _____

DONE IN OPEN COURT:

Date _____

Judicial Officer