

# 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: _____
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**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)*