

# Adoption Services, Child Protection and Family Support

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## Details

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Adoption Services is a section of Child Protection and Family Support within the Department of Communities. Its purpose is to ensure that people who are legally able to do so can gain access to adoption records.

The publication *ROADS – An index of locations and access to adoption records* shows that the following types of records are held by Adoption Services:

- Names of adoption applicants
- Names of birth parents
- Consents and revocations (withdrawal of consent) to adoption
- Placements of children awaiting adoption
- Adoption contact register
- List of adoption orders granted by the Supreme Court and Family Court
- Names of children at birth and after adoption
- Birth registration details

Access to these records is restricted and confidentiality is protected by the Department of Communities' Protocols for Access. To apply for records, complete the 'Application for Post Adoption Services' form, available on the Department of Communities website.

The Adoption Act 1994 acknowledges the importance of information for people involved in the adoption and their relatives. Access to information has improved, particularly for adopted people and birth parents. The type of information that can be obtained will depend upon who is applying for the information and when the adoption occurred.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 22 December 1927\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)
- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

Past Adoption Information and Services can assist people who are looking for information about adoptions arranged by the Department for Community Welfare.

- [Family Court of Western Australia \(1976 - current\)](#)

Past Adoptions Information and Services should be contacted for access to records of adoption held by the Family Court of Western Australia.

- [Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992\)](#)

Past Adoption Information and Services can assist people who are looking for information about adoptions arranged by the Department for Community Services.

- [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 October 1992 - 1 July 1995\)](#)

- [Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia \(1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001\)](#)

- [Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007\)](#)

Past Adoption Information and Services can assist people who are looking for information about adoptions arranged by the Department for Community Development.

- [Department for Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(27 May 2013 - July 2017\)](#)

- [Child Protection and Family Support, State of Western Australia \(July 2017 - current\)](#)

#### **Related Concepts**

- [Adoption in Western Australia \(c. 1896 - current\)](#)

## Records

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### Records held by this organisation

- [Hillcrest Records \(1912 - 1974\)](#)

### Records held by other organisations

- [Records of the Department of Child Protection and Family Support, and predecessors \(1894 - current\)](#)
- [Richard S. Haynes & Co Adoption Files \[Mr Bryant's client files\] \(1946 - 1980\)](#)

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