

Court Service Center

New Hampshire Probate Courts

Adoption of an Adult

Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

- Petition for Adoption of an Adult form (NHJB-2519-P)
- Certified copy of adoptee's Birth Certificate
- Confidential Report of City and Town Clerk Relative to Adoption form (VS-37)

Other items that may be needed:

- Photo identification may be required.

How much will this cost?

- Filing fee of **\$120.00** for each petition filed.

What happens next?

- You will receive a Notice of Hearing in the mail. This notice will inform you of the date, time and place of the hearing. The adoptive parents and adoptee are required to attend the hearing.
- At the final hearing, the adult adoptee will receive the Certificate of Adoption.
- When the adoption is finalized, the adult adoptee must contact the city/town hall where he/she was born (if in New Hampshire) or the NH Division of Vital Records for a new birth certificate. Please allow 6 - 8 weeks before requesting the birth certificate to allow time for processing.

**Forms and Instructions are available at any NH Probate Court
or at:**

www.courts.state.nh.us/probate