

Manitoba



The Manitoba government will not release identifying information about adoptees or birth parents without their consent. They do provide a number of services that make it easier for adoptees and birth relatives to find each other. For more information about the Post-Adoption Registry and to find an address from which you can request an application, go to <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/registry.html>.

I am a Manitoba adoptee, birth parent, or adult birth sibling. I want to find my birth parent, adult child or sibling. What can I do?

1. Request non-identifying information from the Manitoba Post-Adoption Registry. This information will not tell you the name of the person you are seeking but it will tell you something about their family. It is a written summary of information collected at the time of the adoption and may include information about their ethnicity, education, occupations, religion, physical appearance, and interests.
2. Place your name on the registry. The government will check to see if your adult child or birth relative has placed his/her name on the registry. If s/he has done so the government will contact you both and facilitate a reunion.
3. Request that the government do a search for your birth relative or adult child. Due to the volume of applicants for this service it can take over a year for a search to be completed. When the government finds your adult child or birth relative, they will ask him/her if s/he would like to meet you. Most people do want to meet their birth relative and the government will then facilitate a reunion. In some cases, however, the adoptee or both relative may refuse contact or choose to file a contact or disclosure veto.

I am finding the idea of reunion emotional. My birth relative denied contact with me. Is there someone I can talk to?

The Post-Adoption Registry has counsellors who would be happy to speak with you.

How long will it take to receive non-identifying information or to have a search done?

Your non-identifying information will arrive in less than three months. The Post-Adoption Registry will likely be ready to start a search 12 months after receiving your application.

To contact Post-Adoption Registry:

Post Adoption Registry
Child & Family Services
201, 114 Garry Street
Winnipeg MB R3C 4V5
Telephone: (204) 945-6964
Fax: (204) 948-2949

Website: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/registry.html>