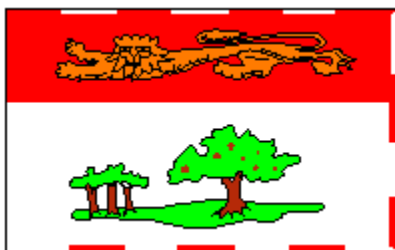


Prince Edward Island



The PEI government will not release the names of adopted adults or birth parents without their consent but do provide some services to make your search easier.

Contact Post-Adoption Services for more information and application forms. You will find them at www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=18537

I am a PEI adoptee/birth parent and want to find my birth family/adult child. What should I do?

1. Contact Post-Adoption Services and request a copy of non-identifying information. This is information collected at the time of the adoption and will give you background information about your birth family/your adult child's adoptive family. It may contain information about the age, ethnic background, education, occupation, religion, and interests of the birth parents/adoptive parents. The wait time for receiving non-identifying information is more than three years.
2. Ask to have your name placed on the registry. There is a \$35 fee for this service. The government will search and if a birth relative/adult child has also placed his/her name on the registry, the government will facilitate a reunion. Both you and your birth relative/adult child must pay \$70 before the government will facilitate the reunion.
3. Adopted adults may also request that the government do a search for their birth parent or birth sibling (if that sibling has been adopted by another family.) There is a \$150 fee for searches. The government will search for a birth father if he is named in the file. The wait time for beginning a search is more than three years.

I am a birth relative. What can I do?

You can place your name on the registry. The fees are the same as those for adoptees and birth parents. If you are a birth sibling and the birth parent that you share with the adoptee is deceased, you may request non-identifying information about the adoptee.

I am finding all of this emotional. What can I do?

Post-Adoption Services offers counselling and can make referrals to private counsellors. Contact them for more information.

To contact Post Adoption Services:

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Website: www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=18537