

# Acknowledgment of Paternity

## FOR A CHILD BORN TO AN UNMARRIED MOTHER

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA / DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
BUREAU OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT  
P.O. BOX 8018  
HARRISBURG, PA 17105-8018

TRACKING NUMBER	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
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RETURN COMPLETED  
FORM TO: 

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

PRINT CHILD'S INFORMATION	
(FIRST)	(JR, II, III, IV)
(MIDDLE)	SEX <input type="radio"/> MALE <input type="radio"/> FEMALE
(LAST)	
DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, IF AVAILABLE

PRINT CHILD'S BIRTHPLACE INFORMATION	
CITY OF BIRTH	STATE CO. #
WAS THE CHILD BORN IN THE UNITED STATES? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	IF NO, WHAT COUNTRY
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	HBU OR CAO CODE

PRINT BIRTH MOTHER'S INFORMATION	
(FIRST)	(JR, II, III, IV)
(MIDDLE)	
(LAST)	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (IF NONE, SEE REVERSE SIDE)	DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)

PRINT BIRTH FATHER'S INFORMATION	
(FIRST)	(JR, II, III, IV)
(MIDDLE)	
(LAST)	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (IF NONE, SEE REVERSE SIDE)	DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYYYY)

According to Pennsylvania law the father of a child born to an **unmarried** woman may file an Acknowledgment of Paternity form with the Department of Public Welfare (DPW). (23 Pa. C.S.A. §5103) The Acknowledgment of Paternity form is considered conclusive evidence of paternity that does not require approval by the court.

I understand that:

### RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND OBLIGATIONS

- The acknowledgment of paternity is completely voluntary and may be cancelled by either party by submitting a signed written statement to the DPW Paternity Coordinator at: P.O. Box 8018, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8018. The statement must be submitted within 60 days after the Acknowledgment of Paternity form is signed or the date of a court proceeding relating to the child (whichever is sooner). After the 60 days expires, the acknowledgment of paternity may be challenged in court only on the basis of fraud, duress or material mistake of fact, which must be established by the challenger through clear and convincing evidence. An order for support shall not be suspended during the period of challenge, except for good cause.
- By signing this Acknowledgment of Paternity form the father shall have all the rights and duties regarding the child as if he had been married to the mother at the time of the child's birth. The child shall have all the same rights and duties as to the father which the child would have had if the father had been married to the mother at the time of birth.
- By signing this Acknowledgment of Paternity form, the parents are required to provide child support and healthcare coverage until the child reaches at least 18 years of age or graduates high school, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- If both parents sign the Acknowledgment of Paternity form, the father's name shall be listed on the Birth Certificate.
- If the birth mother fails or refuses to sign the Acknowledgment of Paternity form, the alleged father may sign the form. By signing the Acknowledgment without the mother's consent, he has the right to receive notice of any proceeding to terminate any parental rights involving the child.
- If I have any doubt, I may request blood or genetic testing to determine paternity. **If I sign this Acknowledgment of Paternity form, I give up the right to blood or genetic testing to determine paternity, unless I cancel the Acknowledgment within 60 days.** Contact the Domestic Relations Section of your local county court to request genetic testing.
- If I have any doubt that I am the father of the child, I have the right to speak with an attorney for legal advice, at my own expense.

I hereby consent to the acknowledgment of paternity that the birth father named above is the father of my child named above, and further state that I was unmarried at the time of this child's birth. I understand the Rights, Responsibilities, and Obligations listed above and that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

SIGNATURE OF BIRTH MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 

MONTH	DAY	YEAR			

MOTHER'S ADDRESS (Include Street, City, State and Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSED BY (CANNOT BE BIRTH MOTHER OR BIRTH FATHER): \_\_\_\_\_

I freely and voluntarily acknowledge that I am the father of the child named above. I understand the Rights, Responsibilities, and Obligations listed above and that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

SIGNATURE OF BIRTH FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 

MONTH	DAY	YEAR			

FATHER'S ADDRESS (Include Street, City, State and Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSED BY (CANNOT BE BIRTH MOTHER OR BIRTH FATHER): \_\_\_\_\_

# No Social Security Number Declaration

## Declaración De Que No Tiene

### Número de Seguro Social

I declare that I do not have a Social Security number. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (*relating to unsworn falsification to authorities*).

Declaro que no tengo número de Seguro Social. Entiendo que hacer declaraciones falsas aquí quedaría sujeto a las penalidades de 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (*relativa a la falsificación de declaraciones no juramentadas ante las autoridades.*)

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Print Mother's Name  
Escriba en letra de imprenta  
el nombre de la madre

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Mother's Signature  
Firma de la Madre

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Date  
Fecha

I declare that I do not have a Social Security number. I understand that false statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (*relating to unsworn falsification to authorities*).

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Print Father's Name  
Escriba en letra de imprenta  
el nombre del padre

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Father's Signature  
Firma del Padre

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Date  
Fecha

**Note: If a parent does not have a Social Security number and the No Social Security Number Declaration is not provided, the Acknowledgment of Paternity form will be rejected. This will cause a delay in establishing paternity for the child and in receiving a birth certificate listing the father's name.**

**Nota: Si la madre y/o el padre no tienen número de Seguro Social y no proporcionan la Declaración de Que No Tienen Número de Seguro Social, el formulario de Reconocimiento de Paternidad será rechazado. Esto causará un retraso en el establecimiento de la paternidad del hijo y en recibir el certificado de nacimiento con el nombre del padre.**