

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
N. C. VITAL RECORDS

AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAGE FOR CHILD BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK

(Type or print all information)

We hereby affirm that _____ (Full Name of Child) _____ (Social Security Number, if Available)
 who was born _____, in _____ at _____
 (Date of Birth) (City, County of Birth) (Name of Hospital or Institution--If neither, street address)
 is the natural child of _____ (Full Name of Father) _____ (Social Security Number)
 _____ (Father's Address)
 and _____ (Mother's Full Name Prior to First Marriage) _____ (Social Security Number)
 _____ (Mother's Address) _____ (County of Residence)
 Affidavit signed at _____ (Name of Hospital, Child Support Services, Clerk of Court, Other)

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FATHER

Race _____ Date of Birth _____
 (Specify White, Black, Am. Indian, etc.) (Month, Day, Year)
 Is father of Hispanic origin? Yes No If yes, _____
 (Specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)
 Education _____ Birthplace _____
 (Highest Grade Completed Elem 1-8; High 9-12; Col 13-17+) (County, State or Foreign Country)

CERTIFICATION OF PARENTS

I acknowledge that I have received and understand the oral instructions and the information on the back of this form that explains the purpose and consequences of signing this document, including possible requirements to pay child support.

Mother

I am the natural mother and the man named above is the natural father of the child named above. I consent to the assertion of paternity by the putative father. I also declare and affirm that: (check one)

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- I was married to someone other than the above-named father. (See Instructions, #1 on back)

Father

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Signature of Mother _____

(If minor mother- parent, guardian or other adult may sign, but it is not required)

State of _____ County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____ (SEAL)

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 If mother was married to someone other than the father named on this Affidavit **at the time of conception or birth** or **between conception and birth** of a child, the name of the father identified on this form will not be entered on the birth certificate. Per N.C. General Statute 130A-101(e), the husband **must** be entered as the father on the birth certificate unless paternity has been otherwise determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 2 All information for the child, mother, and father must be completed on the front of this form. The information on ***Effect of Signing*** ⁽¹⁾ and ***Rights and Responsibilities*** ⁽²⁾ below must be explained to the mother and father. The Affidavit must be signed by each parent in the presence of a notary public, clerk of court, or military officer authorized to administer oaths. The mother and father must be given a copy of the completed Affidavit.
- 3 When completed at birth, this Affidavit must be filed with the birth certificate. Under no circumstances will the birth certificate be delayed in order to complete the Affidavit. When completed and filed at a later date, the agency completing the Affidavit will file it with N.C. Vital Records.

(1) Effect of Signing the Affidavit of Parentage

Upon signing this form, the declaring father's name will be listed on the birth certificate, except as noted in Instruction #1 above. He will be declared to be the natural father of the child. This admission of paternity may be retracted by either party within 60 days of signing by filing a request with the court. The father's name may then be removed from the birth record if there has been no administrative or judicial proceeding relating to paternity or support for this child. After 60 days, the father's name may not be removed from these documents except by order of the court.

(2) Rights and Responsibilities of Parents

You have the right to declare paternity by signing this document or you may choose to request paternity testing, consult an attorney, contact Child Support Enforcement, or have a court determine paternity. A minor has the right to sign the Affidavit with or without the signature of an adult. You, the father and mother, have a right to know your child, the right to seek custody or visitation, as well as the responsibility to support your child. Parental rights of a parent may not be terminated without notice to both parents.

The execution and filing of this Affidavit with the registrar does not affect inheritance rights unless it is also filed with the clerk of court in the county where the father or child resides.