

Instructions

If you need proof that your rights and responsibilities as a parent of a child have been ended by a court order (either in a termination proceeding or an adoption proceeding), you can ask the court for a certificate confirming that your parental rights have been terminated.

1. Fill out the request form on the next page.
 - a. If your rights ended because the child was adopted, you will need to provide either the case number for the adoption or the new name the child was given during the adoption. Adoption cases are indexed only by the child's new name.
 - b. If your parental rights were terminated in a separate proceeding (not related to an adoption), the case will be indexed by the child's original name, so you will not need to know whether the child has been given a new name.
2. Take your request to the court that issued the order terminating your rights or granting the adoption. The files on these matters are confidential (not open to the public), so the court will need proof that you are the parent whose rights were terminated before the court will give you this certificate. You will need to bring photo identification with you to the court.

Note that in Anchorage and Fairbanks you will need to go to the Probate Office rather than the main clerk's office to get adoption records.

If you do not live in the same community as the court that issued the order, you can mail your request to the court. If you mail in your request, you will need to establish proof of your identity by taking your photo identification to a notary public and having the notary fill out the "Notarization" section at the bottom of the request form.

3. The court does not charge you a fee for requesting this certificate.

