

PRACTICE DIRECTION 14F

DISCLOSING INFORMATION TO AN ADOPTED ADULT

This Practice Direction supplements Part 14, rule 14.18(1)(d) of the Family Procedure Rules 2010

How to request for information

- 1.1** Rule 14.18 states that an adopted person who is over the age of 18 has the right to receive from the court which made the adoption order a copy of –
 - (a) the application form for an adoption order (but not the documents attached to that form);
 - (b) the adoption order and any other orders relating to the adoption proceedings; and
 - (c) orders allowing any person contact with the child after the adoption order was made.
- 1.2** An application under rule 14.18 must be made in form A64 which is contained in the practice direction supplementing Part 5 and must have attached to it a full certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register relating to the applicant.
- 1.3** The completed application form must be taken to the court which made the adoption order along with evidence of the applicant's identity showing a photograph and signature, such as a passport or driving licence.

Additional documents that the adopted person is also entitled to receive from the court

- 2.1** The adopted adult is also entitled to receive the following documents –
 - (a) any transcript or written reasons of the court's decision; and
 - (b) a report made to the court by –
 - (i) a children's guardian, reporting officer or children and family reporter;
 - (ii) a local authority; or
 - (iii) an adoption agency.

Before the documents are sent to the adopted adult

- 3.1** The court will remove protected information from documents before they are sent to the adopted adult.

