

Application for a contact order

Section 26 Adoption and Children Act 2002

Name of court	
Case no./Serial no.	
Date received by the court	
Date issued	

Notes to applicants

- This form is only for use if you are applying for a contact order under section 26 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002.
- Before filling in this form, please read the guidance notes on completing the form.
- Please complete every Part. If any question does not apply to your application, or you are not sure of the answer, please say so.
- If there is not enough room for your reply to any question, continue on a separate sheet. Please put the child's name, the number of the Part and the paragraph reference at the head of the continuation sheet.
- Please use black ink when filling in the form.

Part 1 About you

See Note 1

a) Title

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other _____

b) My name is

First name(s) in full

Last name

c) My address is (including postcode)

d) My telephone number is

See Note 2

See Note 3

e) My date of birth is

f) My solicitor in these proceedings is

Name of solicitor	
Name of firm	
Address (including postcode)	

Telephone no.		Fax no.	
DX no.			
E-mail address			

g) I am: (please tick the box that applies to you and give any additional information asked for)

- ☐ the child whom the adoption agency is authorised to place for adoption
- ☐ an officer of the adoption agency that is authorised to place the child for adoption/has placed the child (who is less than six weeks old) for adoption
(please state your position in the adoption agency)

- ☐ the child's mother
- ☐ the child's father
- ☐ the child's guardian
- ☐ a relative of the child (please state your relationship to the child)

See Note 1

or

The following order in my favour was in force immediately before the adoption agency was authorised to place the child for adoption/placed the child (who is less than six weeks old) for adoption:

See Note 4

- ☐ a contact order made under the Children Act 1989 (give details of the order below)
- ☐ a residence order (give details of the order below)
- ☐ an order of the High Court giving me care of the child (give details of the order below)

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Type of order	
Date of order	

(Please attach a copy of the order to your application)

or

- ☐ None of the above applies to me, my relationship to the child is

and

- ☐ I am applying for permission to make this application, **or**
- ☐ I have been given permission to make this application (please give details below and attach a copy of the order to your application)

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Date permission granted	

h) I am a prospective adopter of the child and wish to keep my identity confidential and apply for a serial number

☐ Yes

☐ No

See Note 5

Part 2 About the child

a) The name of the child is

First name(s) in full

Last name

b) The child is a

☐ Boy

☐ Girl

c) The child was born on

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d) The child's address is

(If you do not know the child's address, please enter 'Not known')

e) The child lives with

(If you do not know the name of the person with whom the child lives, please enter 'Not known')

See Note 2

f) The adoption agency that is authorised to place the child for adoption/has placed the child (who is less than six weeks old) for adoption is: (give the name and address of the adoption agency and (if known) the name and telephone number of the adoption worker who deals with the child)

Name of adoption agency	
Address (including post code)	
Name of your contact in the agency	
Telephone no.	

g) The child is subject to a placement order

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If Yes, please give details below)

or

The child is the subject of ongoing placement proceedings

☐ Yes

☐ No

(If Yes, please give details below)

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Date of placement order	

or

Date of hearing if placement proceedings are current	
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h) Date of placement (if known)

About other orders or proceedings that affect the child

- i) ☐ To the best of my knowledge, no proceedings relating to the child (other than any order(s) already entered above) have been completed or commenced in any court

or

- ☐ The following proceedings relating to the child have been completed/commenced (in addition to any order(s) already entered above)

See Note 6

Type of order made (or applied for)	Date of order (or date of next hearing)	Name of court	Case number (or serial number)

Cases concerning a related child

- j) ☐ To the best of my knowledge, no proceedings relating to a full, half or step brother or sister of the child have been completed or commenced in any court

or

- ☐ The following proceedings relating to a full, half or step brother or sister of the child have been completed/commenced (please give details below and, if you were a party to any proceedings that have been completed, attach a copy of the final order)

Relationship to child (eg. sister, half-brother)	Type of order made (or applied for)	Date of order (or date of next hearing)	Name of court	Case number (or serial number)

Part 3 About the child's parents or guardian

The child's mother

- a) The name of the child's mother is

First name(s) in full

Last name

- b) Her address is (if deceased, please write 'Deceased' in the address box)

The child's father

- c) The name of the child's father is

First name(s) in full

Last name

- d) His address is (if deceased, please write 'Deceased' in the address box)

See Note 7

- e) Does he have parental responsibility for the child?

☐ Yes

☐ No

See Note 8

The child's guardian

f) The name of the child's guardian is

See Note 9

First name(s) in full

Last name

g) His/Her address is

Part 4 About this application

Give details of the contact order you wish the court to make and the reasons why:

See Note 10

Part 5 Statement of truth

Proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against a person who makes or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth.

*[I believe] [The applicant believes] that the facts stated in this application are true.

*I am duly authorised by the applicant to sign this statement.

Print full name

Signed

Date

*[Applicant] [Applicant's solicitor] [Litigation friend]

*delete as appropriate

If you attend the court for a hearing

1. Do you have a disability for which you require special assistance or special facilities?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please say what your needs are below
(the court staff will get in touch with you about your requirements)

2. Do you want to use the services of an interpreter?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please specify which language
(court staff will get in touch with you about your requirements)

What to do now

Once you have completed and signed this form, you should take or send the form and **three copies** to the court, together with the court fee* and the following documents:

- a copy of any of the following orders that was in effect immediately before the adoption agency was authorised to place the child for adoption, or placed a child for adoption at a time when he/she was less than six weeks old:
 - an order for contact made under section 8 or section 34 of the Children Act 1989 in your favour;
 - a residence order made in your favour;
 - an order made in exercise of the High Court's jurisdiction with respect to children giving you care of the child.
- if you were a party to the proceedings, a copy of any other final order relating to the child that has effect;
- if you were a party to the proceedings, a copy of any final order relating to a full, half or step brother or sister of the child that has effect;
- a copy of any court order giving you permission to apply for the contact order.

* If you are not sure about the court fee payable for your application, or you think that you may be exempt from paying all or part of the fee, you should contact the court for information.