

STATE OF LOUISIANA

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PATERNITY AFFIDAVIT
CHILD BORN OF MARRIAGE

NOTICE: You must read and initial the NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVES, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES before you sign the affidavit.

SECTION I. CHILD'S INFORMATION

This is a legal document. Complete in ink and do not alter.

Form for child information including Name of Child, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Name of Hospital, and Name of Child as parents want it to appear.

SECTION II. MOTHER'S INFORMATION

Form for mother's information including Name of Mother, Address, Place of Birth, Race, Social Security Number, Employer, Occupation, and Health Insurance details.

SECTION III. FATHER'S INFORMATION

Form for father's information including Name of Father, Address, Place of Birth, Race, Social Security Number, Employer, Occupation, Guardian information, and Health Insurance details.

MOTHER: I certify that I am the MOTHER of the child named above and that all statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

MOTHER'S SIGNATURE
WITNESS
State of Louisiana, Parish of
Signed and Affirmed before me on the day of

DATE
WITNESS
Signature then PRINT name of Notary
State Notary Registration Number
My Commission expires on

FATHER: I certify that I am the biological FATHER of the child named above, that a certified report of blood or tissue sampling indicates by a ninety-nine and nine-tenths percentage point threshold probability that I am the biological father of the child.

FATHER'S SIGNATURE
GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE (If Father under age 18)
WITNESS
State of Louisiana, Parish of
Signed and Affirmed before me on the day of

DATE
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HUSBAND/EX-HUSBAND OF THE MOTHER: I certify that although it is legally presumed that the husband of the mother is the father of a child born during the marriage or within three hundred days from the date of the termination of the marriage, I am not the father of the above named child.

HUSBAND/EX-HUSBAND'S SIGNATURE
WITNESS
State of Louisiana, Parish of
Signed and Affirmed before me on the day of

DATE
WITNESS
Signature then PRINT name of Notary
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DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES: Original to Registrar of Vital Records, Copies to Child Support, Mother, Father & Husband/ Ex-husband.

## NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVES, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This is a legal document. Signing the form is voluntary. Since this form has legal consequences, you may want to consult an attorney before signing.

When this Acknowledgement is properly completed and signed, the biological father's name is entered on the birth certificate in place of the name of the husband of the mother and the man becomes the legal father of the child. This acknowledgement has the same effect as a court order establishing paternity and can be used as a basis for entering a child support order.

If either of you is not sure that this man is the biological father of this child, you should not sign the form. You should have a genetic test.

**Mothers who are married to someone other than the biological father or were married to someone other than the father when the child was conceived, or have been divorced for less than three hundred days must have the agreement of their husband/ex-husband to execute this affidavit.** If the agreement of the husband cannot be obtained or if the couple cannot meet the statutory requirements, this affidavit cannot be used. In order for the biological father's name to be added to the birth certificate, a court must establish paternity in accordance with LA. R.S. 40:46.5 and LA. R.S. 9:409(A).

### RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PARENT

- Either party has the right to request a genetic test to determine if the alleged father is the biological father of the child.
- The alleged father has the right to consult an attorney before signing an acknowledgement of paternity.
- If the alleged father does not acknowledge the child, the mother has the right to file a paternity suit to establish paternity. After the alleged father signs an acknowledgement of paternity, he has the right to pursue visitation with the child and the right to petition for custody.
- Once an acknowledgement of paternity is signed, the father may be obligated to provide child support for the child. Once an acknowledgement of paternity is signed, the child will have inheritance rights and any rights afforded children born in wedlock.
- A party who executed a notarial act of acknowledgement may rescind the act, without cause, before the earlier of the following:
  - Sixty days after the signing of the act, in a court hearing for the limited purpose of rescinding the acknowledgment.
  - A court hearing relating to the child, including a child support proceeding, in which the father is involved.

Thereafter, the acknowledgement of paternity may be voided only upon proof, by clear and convincing evidence, that such act was induced by fraud, duress, or material mistake of fact, or that the father is not the biological father.

### BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHILD

Every child has the right to know his or her mother and father and benefit from a relationship with both parents.

Both of your names will appear on the child's birth certificate.

It will be easier for your child to learn medical histories of both parents and to benefit from health care coverage available to you.

It will be easier for your child to receive benefits such as dependent or survivor's benefits from the Veteran's Administration or from the Social Security Administration as well as share any estate should you die.

To indicate that you have read and understood this notice of alternatives, rights and responsibilities, please initial below. If you require further assistance you may call us at (504) 593 - 5100.

Mother's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Initials \_\_\_\_\_