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POST-ADOPTION SEARCH FOR ORIGINS

Right to information
regarding biological
origin and benefits for
the adopted persons from
exercising this right



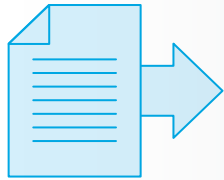
Right to information

Each person who has been adopted in Bulgaria or abroad has the right to receive information about his biological origin.

Exercising the right to information



1. The right to information regarding biological origin in Bulgaria can only be exercised through Court proceedings.



2. For this purpose, it is necessary to submit an application to the District Court that issued the adoption decision. For all children adopted abroad under the so-called intercountry adoption procedure, the competent Court is the Sofia City Court.



3. All authorities and institutions in Bulgaria that have particular information regarding the adoption,

such as: date, case number and Court that ordered the adoption, are obliged to provide this information to anyone who has been adopted, so that he can exercise his right to information.



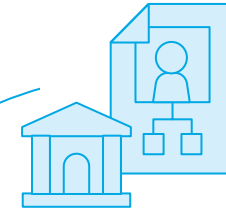
4. Once the procedure is initiated, the Court notifies biological parents of the adopted person about the proceedings. Biological parents have the right to participate in the Court proceedings and to express their opinion. They shall be heard by the judge in the absence of the adoptee.



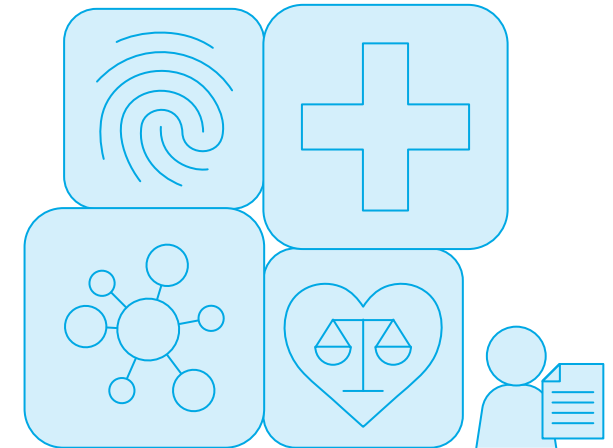
5. The Court, in a closed session, after hearing the prosecutor's conclusion, shall issue a judgment.



6. In the event that the Court refuses to provide the requested information regarding the biological origin of the adoptee, the Court decision can be appealed to the Court of Appeal, which shall issue a decision that is final and cannot be appealed.



7. All authorities and institutions in Bulgaria are obliged to provide information about the origin of the adopted person when the Court has authorised this with a Court decision.



Benefits for the adopted persons by exercising their right to information

- Identity formation
- Achieving emotional stability
- Developing a sense of belonging
- Building relationships and connections with biological family members
- Gaining access to medical history