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Pre-Adoption Birth Certificate FAQ Sheet

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On November 14, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation (S3419/A5494) which allows adoptees to receive a copy of their pre-adoption birth certificate when they turn 18 years old. The application process begins on January 15, 2020.

The information provided in this Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document relates primarily to adoptees born outside of the 5 boroughs of New York City. Adoptees born

within New York City should contact the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for information on how to obtain pre-adoption birth certificates from within their jurisdiction.

For answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding obtaining birth certificates, click [here](#).

RELATED LEGISLATION

2019-S3419

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Establishes the right of adoptees to receive a certified copy of their birth certificate upon reaching the age of 18

February 06, 2019

Signed by Governor

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Do you support this bill?