



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AN ADOPTION ORDER (1)

*Rule 5 of the Adoption (High Court) Rules, 1963 (L.I.276)
(Every paragraph must be completed or deleted, as the case may be)*

I/We, the undersigned..... being desirous of adopting..... (2), a juvenile, under the Adoption Act, 1962 (Act 104), hereby give the following particulars in support of my/our application

PART I

Particulars of the applicant(s)

1. Name of [first] applicant in full.....
Address (3).....
Occupation.....
Date of birth.....
Relationship (if any) to the juvenile.....
2. Name of second applicant in full.....
Address (3).....
Occupation.....
Date of birth.....
Relationship (if any) to the juvenile.....
3. I am/we are resident and domiciled in Ghana [or I am/we are domiciled in Ghana but not ordinarily resident in Ghana] [or I am/we are not domiciled in Ghana].
4. I am unmarried/a widow/widower/I am married to.....
of..... We are married to each other and are the persons described as..... and in the marriage certificate [or other evidence of marriage] exhibited to my/our affidavit verifying this statement.
5. [The consent of my husband/wife to the making of an adoption order in pursuance of my application is exhibited to my said affidavit [or I requested the judge to dispense with the consent of my husband/wife on the ground that..... (4)] (5).}
6. [A certificate a to my/our health, signed by a fully registered medical practitioner, is exhibited to my/our said affidavit] (6).

PART II

Particulars of the juvenile

7. The juvenile is of the.....sex and is not and has not been married.
He/she was born on the.....day of....., 20....., and is the person to whom the birth/adoption certificate (7) exhibited to my/our said affidavit relates [or was born on

- or about the.....day of....., 20....., in.....] (8).
8. [A report on the health of the juvenile (9), made by fully registered medical practitioner on the.....day of....., 20....., (10) is exhibited to my/our said affidavit.]
9. The juvenile is the child/adopted child (1) of.....(12), whose last known address was.....[or deceased] and.....(13) whose last known address was.....[or deceased.]
10. [The guardian(s) of the juvenile is/are..... of [and of]
11. A document/documents signifying the consent of the said.....(14) to the making of an adoption order in pursuance of my/our application is/are exhibited to my/our said affidavit.
12. [I/We request the judge to dispense with the consent of.....on the ground that..... (15).]
13. [.....of....., is liable by virtue of an order made by the..... court at on the day of, 20....., [or contribute to the maintenance of the juvenile (16).]
14. If an adoption order is made in pursuance of this application the juvenile is to be known by the following names: Surname
- Other names

PART III

General

15. The juvenile was received into my/our care and possession on the.....day of..... 20, and has been continuously in my/our care and possession since that date.
16. I have not made/neither of us has made a previous application for an adoption order in respect of the juvenile or any other juvenile (except application No. made to the court at which was heard on the day of, 20....., and was dealt with as follows.....] (17).
17. I/We have not received or given any reward or payment for, or in consideration of, the adoption of the juvenile or for giving consent to the making of the adoption order [except as follows.....] (18)
18. As far as I/We know, no person or body has taken part in the arrangements for placing the juvenile in my/our care and possession [except..... (19).
19. [For the purposes of this application reference may be made to.....of] (20).
20. [I/We desire that my/our identity should be kept confidential and the serial number of this application is] (21).

Dated the day of, 20.....

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Usual signature of applicants(s)

NOTES:

- (1) This statement must be verified by affidavit, to which the statement, marriage certificate and other documents referred to in the statement should be separately exhibited.
- (2) Enter the first name (s) and surname as shown in any certificate referred to in entry No. 7; otherwise enter the first names(s) and surname by which the juvenile was known before being placed for adoption.
- (3) Enter the applicant's present address and, where he is not ordinarily resident in Ghana, the place abroad where he ordinarily resides.
- (4) The consent of the applicant's spouse may be dispensed with if the court is satisfied that he or she cannot be found or is incapable of giving his or her consent or that the spouse s have separated and are living apart and the separation is likely to be permanent, so however that no such dispensation shall be given unless the court is satisfied in every case that it would not be contrary to custom or tradition to give the dispensation.
- (5) This entry should be deleted if the application is made jointly by husband and wife or the applicant is unmarried.
- (6) A separate medical certificate is required in respect of each applicant. There is an official form (Form No. 4) which may be used for this purpose. No certificate, however, nee be supplied if the applicant, or one of the applicants, is the father or mother of the juvenile.
- (7) If the juvenile has previously been adopted, a certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register should be supplied and not a certified copy of the original entry in the Register of Births.
- (8) Where a certificate is not supplied, enter the place (including country) of birth, if known.
- (9) As the court may require up-to-date information as to the health of the Juvenile, a medical report should be supplied unless the applicant, or one of the applicants, is a parent or relative of the infant. There is an official form (Form No. 5) which may be used for this purpose.
- (10) If a juvenile is less than one year old on the date of the application, the report should have been made not more than one month before that date. If the juvenile is one year old or more on that date, the report should have been made not more than six month before that date.
- (11) If the juvenile has previously been adopted, give the names of this adoptive parents and not those of his natural parents.
- (12) Enter mother's name.
- (13) Enter name of father, if known.
- (14) Enter names of the persons mentioned in entries Nos. 9 and10 except in the case of an illegitimate juvenile, his father.
- (15) The consent of a parent or guardian may be dispensed with if the court is satisfied the person whose consent is required has abandoned, neglected or persistently ill-treated the juvenile, or that he cannot be found or is capable of giving his consent or that his consent is being unreasonably withheld.
- (16) This entry should be deleted except where some person or body is liable to maintain the juvenile under a court order or agreement
- (17) The court cannot proceed with the application if a previous application made be same applicant in respect of the same or some other juvenile has been heard and dismissed on it merits unless there has been a substantial alteration-
 - (a) Where the application is in respect of the same juvenile in the circumstances generally; or
 - (b) Where the application is in respect of some other juvenile, in the circumstances of the applicant, since the previous application.
- (18) Any such payment or required is illegal unless it has been sanctioned by the court.
- (19) Enter the name of any adoption or similar society or any person or body of persons who or which has taken part in the arrangements for placing the juvenile in the care and possession of the applicant with a view to this adoption
- (20) Where the applicant or one of the applicants is a parent of the juvenile no referee need be named.
- (21) If the applicant wishes his identity to be kept confidential, the serial number obtained under Rule 2 of the Adoption High Court) Rules, 1963, should be given; otherwise this entry should be deleted.