

Waiving, Reducing and/or Extending Adoption Probation

The Child Protection Worker must assess whether the waiving, reducing and/or extending the adoption probation period for prospective adoptive parent(s), is in the child or youth's best interests.

REFERENCE

Adoption Act, sections 31 and 33

PURPOSE

- To ensure that the waiving, reducing and/or extending of the adoption probation period for potential adoptive parent(s) is in the best interests of the child or youth.
- To ensure the Director of Child and Family Services has a rationale for requesting the court to waive, reduce and/or extend a condition set in the *Adoption Act*.

PROCEDURES

1. Meet with the prospective adoptive parent(s) to discuss the reasons for their request.
2. Inform the Supervisor of the request and document the conversation in a *Case Note form* and place it on the child or youth's file.
3. Meet with the child or youth to obtain his or her views about the request and document the conversation in a *Case Note form* and place it on the child or youth's file.
4. Complete the *Child Assessment for Adoption Placement Update form* to assess whether the request is in the best interests of the child or youth.
5. Forward the completed *Child Assessment for Adoption Placement Update form* to the Supervisor for approval.
6. Forward the completed *Child Assessment for Adoption Placement Update form* to

the Adoptions Practice Specialist at the Department of Health and Social Services for the Director of Child and Family Services approval.

FORMS

- Child Assessment for Adoption Placement Update

TOOLS

- Waiving, Reducing and/or Extending the Adoption Probation Period