



Superior Court of the State of California  
County of Kings  
1640 Kings County Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

**CHECK-LIST FOR ADOPTION INVESTIGATION**

(Utilized for a Stepparent or Domestic Partner Adoption Case)

Dear Petitioner(s),

To perform the required adoption investigation, the following forms and items will need to be completed:

- Adoption Questionnaire** (Stepparent or Domestic Partnership cases)  
One (1) questionnaire is provided in this packet, make additional copies as needed.  
Each Petitioner shall complete this questionnaire.
- Personal Reference Questionnaire** (Stepparent or Domestic Partnership cases)  
Six (6) questionnaires are provided in this packet.  
This questionnaire shall be completed by six individuals who will vouch for your qualification as a suitable candidate for the adoption of the minor child or children.
- Birth Certificate of each Minor being Adopted** A *certified copy* is required.
- Record of Termination of any Previous Marriages of Petitioner and/or Custodial Parent.**  
A copy is sufficient
- Release of Minor from Parental Control** (as applicable, check only one of the following boxes):
  1.  **Non-Custodial Parent's Consent** (per Family Law Code 9003) **or**  
A copy is sufficient
  2.  **Petition to Free Minor from Custody and Control** (per Family Code 7660 et sec.) **or**  
A copy is sufficient
  3.  **Death Certificate of Natural Parent** (if applicable)  
A copy is sufficient
- Record of Petitioner's or Domestic Partners Marriage Certificate**  
A copy is sufficient
- Stepparent Adoption Investigation Fee of \$350.00**  
Cash, check or a money order payable to the "*Kings County Superior Court*"  
This fee is to be paid at the time the investigation packet is returned to the clerk's office
- Declare Minor Free of Custody and Control Investigation Fee of \$350.00**  
Cash, check or a money order payable to the "*Kings County Superior Court*"  
This fee is to be paid at the time the investigation packet is returned to the clerk's office
- Stepparent Adoption and Declare Minor Free of Custody and Control Investigation Fee of \$700.00**  
Cash, check or a money order payable to the "*Kings County Superior Court*"  
This fee is to be paid at the time the investigation packet is returned to the clerk's office

If you have an attorney, please notify him/her of the receipt of the included documents.

Once these forms and items are received, the court will appoint an investigator to your case. It is important to know the investigation **will not** begin until these requirements are met. Please submit to: Kings County Superior Court, 1640 Kings County Drive, Hanford, CA 93230, Attention: Adoption Clerk