



# STATE OF TEXAS

## RESCISSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PATERNITY

**This is a legal document. Type or Print in black ink.** This document is used to withdraw the legal father and child relationship created by the Acknowledgment of Paternity (AOP) that was filed with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Vital Statistics Unit. This form must be submitted to the Vital Statistics Unit by the date a proceeding related to the child is initiated or the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the effective date of the acknowledgment, whichever comes earlier.

### Section I. Child's information as it appears on the Acknowledgment of Paternity

Child's first name	Middle	Last	
Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	City of birth	County	State

### Section II. Parent's information as it appears on the Acknowledgment of Paternity

Mother's first name	Middle	Last	Maiden Name
Present street address	City	State	Zip
Father's first name	Middle	Last	Suffix
Present street address	City	State	Zip

### Section III. Presumed father's information as it appears on the Denial of Paternity Section (if applicable)

First Name	Middle	Last	
Present street address	City	State	Zip

### Section IV. Rescinding party's information

First name	Middle	Last	Suffix
Social Security number	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Phone Number ( ) -	
ID Type	ID number		

I declare under penalty of perjury that:

- I acknowledge that as of the date the rescission is filed, a proceeding has not been held affecting the child identified on the Acknowledgment of Paternity or Denial of Paternity, including a proceeding to establish child support;
- I will immediately send a completed rescission by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to any signatory of the AOP as required by Tex. Fam. Code §160.307 and as explained in the "Duty to Inform" section on page 2.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Withdrawing Acknowledgment or Denial of Paternity

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Signature

**NOTICE: This form is NOT COMPLETE until mailed to signatories of the Acknowledgment of Paternity as required by statute and is NOT VALID without a Certified Entity Code. A completed and valid form MUST BE FILED with Vital Statistics to be effective. Instructions are on the back of this form.**

Entity code

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**This is a legal document.** This form is used to withdraw the legal father and child relationship created by the previously signed Acknowledgment of Paternity. Any person who signed the Acknowledgment of Paternity may use this form to rescind their Acknowledgment of Paternity. This form is NOT COMPLETE until mailed to signatories of the Acknowledgment of Paternity as required by statute and is NOT VALID without a certified entity code. A completed and valid form MUST BE FILED with Texas Department of State Health Services, Vital Statistics Unit, to be effective. This must be accomplished within the earlier of 60 days of signing the Acknowledgment of Paternity or the date a proceeding involving the child is initiated before a court.

Duty to Inform

A copy of the rescission form, in order to be completed and become valid, shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested:

- If the rescission is of an acknowledgment of paternity, to the other signatory of the acknowledgment of paternity and the signatory of any related denial of paternity; or
- If the rescission is of a denial of paternity, to the signatories of the related acknowledgment of paternity; and
- If a signatory to the acknowledgment of paternity or denial of paternity is receiving services from the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division, a copy of the completed rescission must be sent by certified or registered mail to the Office of the Attorney General, PO Box 12017 MC 044 Austin TX 78711.

Checklist:

The Certified Entity will review with you these instructions for filing your Rescission and can answer your questions about the process. The Certified Entity has no obligation to make copies for you. You must follow these instructions to be sure your Rescission will be filed and accepted.

Steps you must follow to rescind the Acknowledgment of Paternity	I understand what I must do:
All four (4) of the steps below must be completed within the earlier of 60 days of the effective date of the Acknowledgment of Paternity or the date a proceeding involving the child is initiated before a court.	Initials: _____
1) Complete this form with Certified Entity and have the Certified Entity add their unique code.	Initials: _____
2) Make copies of this form for yourself and make enough copies to mail to all people who signed the original AOP and the Attorney General's Office, if required. You must mail those copies by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested; and obtain proof of mailing from the US Postal Service. You must pay for any USPS fees.	Initials: _____
3) Send the proof of mailing receipts along with this original rescission document to VSU (USPS forms 3800 or 3806). You must pay any USPS fees. Keep the return receipt cards received from USPS to be able to prove you mailed copies of this form to the other parties.	Initials: _____
<p>4) Mail <b>this completed form and copies of the proof of mailing</b> to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Vital Statistics Unit PO Box 149347, MC 1966 Austin, Texas 78714</p> <p>There is no fee to file this document. The envelope must be postmarked within 60 days of the effective date of the Acknowledgment of Paternity or before a proceeding involving the child is initiated whichever occurs first.</p>	Initials: _____
<p>To obtain a certified copy of this form, use form VS-134.1 from VSU and pay any required fees. To change the birth certificate, use form VS-166 from VSU and pay any required fees. (<a href="http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/forms.shtm">http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/forms.shtm</a>)</p>	Initials: _____