



# Adoption Jigsaw

A service of Jigsaw Search & Contact Inc

## ADOPTEE

### AJ1 - Application for Search & Mediation Services

**In order to assist you, you must obtain your documents from the relevant State Government Adoption Department that dealt with your adoption. This usually takes several months and we advise you to do this prior to joining Jigsaw. We encourage Perth adoptees to attend our discussion groups. Please contact the office for dates. You are welcome to contact us to discuss any matter.**

**Note: this application requires your signature. You can post, fax or scan and email it to us (see details below).**

#### JIGSAW FEES\*

Jigsaw is a not-for-profit organisation, funded partly by the State government of WA and partly through fees charged.

To reduce administration costs, we charge a combined fee for Associate Membership, search and mediation regardless of the amount of work involved.

#### Associate Membership entitles you to:

- Newsletter - *Jigsaw Pieces* published quarterly
- Use of Jigsaw library
- Registration on our National Contact Register
- Use of Jigsaw facilities for search
- An opportunity to nominate for the Board of Management

Annual Membership Renewal  
\$50

*\* payment of fees can be negotiated, please talk to us if you have special difficulties.*

**\$200 combined fee**

*for membership and SINGLE PARTY search*

#### Membership Package - for single party search/mediation

This covers 12 months' Associate Membership, search, preparation interview, outreach and interview for the found party if appropriate, ongoing phone consultation and support for all parties. Fees **DO NOT** cover the purchase of certificates.

#### Purchase of certificates

In order to search we often have to purchase certificates such as marriage, death, birth. The cost varies according to the state and the length of search. A birthmother may have married 3 years or 30 years after relinquishing. Costs vary between \$40 and several hundred if multiple states are involved. We will invoice you the amount we pay.

#### Authorisation

I authorise Jigsaw to spend up to \$..... over and above the combined fee and will reimburse Jigsaw on invoice. I wish to be contacted before incurring any costs above this figure.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Additional Services

Counselling/Additional Interviews \$60

2nd Party Search/Mediation - plus current membership \$100

**It is not possible to advise you regularly about the progress of your search or mediation, however you are welcome to contact us for an update.**

**Payment Details** - You can pay online via Paypal or Direct Deposit - remember to include your full name. Alternatively send your credit card details, cheque or money order together with this application to PO BOX 512 North Perth WA 6906. Make cheques payable to Jigsaw Search & Contact.

Visa/Mastercard : \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECT DEPOSIT - BankWest Leederville BSB - 306 058 A/C - 0515379

**DONATION:** If you wish to make a tax deductible donation please add to the total amount.

**Jigsaw Search & Contact**

**T:** (08) 9328 4000 **E:** [jigsaw@jigsaw.org.au](mailto:jigsaw@jigsaw.org.au)

**F:** (08) 9328 4111 **W:** [www.jigsaw.org.au](http://www.jigsaw.org.au)

**CURRENT DETAILS**

Ms/Miss/Mrs/Mr/Dr

Male/Female

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Second Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country (if outside Australia) \_\_\_\_\_ Can we write to this address: **yes/no**

Ph: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mob) \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

**Can we leave  
a message at  
these phone  
numbers  
Yes/No**Do you want to receive your newsletter (tick) : electronically to above email address   
mail to above address 

Any special instructions in regards to contacting you \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had contact with any member of your birth family? **yes/no** Who? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

For whom are you searching? \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH DETAILS - Name at the time of YOUR birth** (Fill in **ONLY** details you know for sure, otherwise leave blank)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Second Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Surname now \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Second Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Adoptive Family*

Mother—Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Father— Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH MOTHER - Information at the time of YOUR birth**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Address at time of birth \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age when you were born \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Current surname if known \_\_\_\_\_

Any other significant information \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH FATHER - Information at the time of YOUR birth**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age when you were born \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Does he know of the pregnancy/birth \_\_\_\_\_

Any other significant information \_\_\_\_\_

**Adoption Documents:**

Please attach **copies** of your documents, different states/countries will have different documents, attach whatever you have. Contact us if you are uncertain. Do you have:

Your ORIGINAL birth certificate with your birth mother's name? **yes/no** Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Court (legal) documents? **yes/no** Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Information about your adoption **yes/no** Comment \_\_\_\_\_

**Searching:**

Have you conducted any search yourself. **yes/no**.

If yes please include copies of any certificates you have obtained and a summary of your search (add paper if necessary). \_\_\_\_\_

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**Agreement - Please read carefully.**

I (*print your full name*) \_\_\_\_\_ authorise Jigsaw Search & Contact to undertake search, contact and mediation services on my behalf. I authorise Jigsaw to receive on my behalf copies of all relevant certificates and/or information pertaining to myself and my relinquishing family. I agree to Jigsaw sharing my information with volunteer researchers if deemed appropriate.

I consent to Isabel Andrews (Licensed Mediator) sharing or receiving information with or from the relevant Adoption Agency and or Government Department if deemed appropriate. Contact and Mediation involves sharing information with the found party, I take responsibility to specify what, if any, information is to be kept confidential from the found party. (this will be discussed in the interview with the mediator).

I agree at all times to abide by the Rules of Association of Jigsaw Search & Contact Inc., and to act strictly within the law of the relevant Adoption Act.

In the event of my birth mother/father/family NOT wishing to have any contact with me, I assume full responsibility for any actions taken by me after Jigsaw has advised me that *No Contact* has been requested by my birth family members.

Any comment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rules of this Association are available on our website and can be posted to you on request. Note: This completed form together with copies of documents pertaining to your membership become the property of Jigsaw Search & Contact Inc.

**Privacy Statement:** *Jigsaw Search & Contact complies with the 2001 Privacy Act. All information collected is only used to assist in search and mediation with your birth family. Only staff and occasional special search volunteers can access this information.*