

# Application to remove your donor anonymity

## For donors

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### What this form is for

If you donated at a UK clinic between 1 August 1991 and 31 March 2005, you can choose to remove your anonymity by submitting this form to us. This means that any adult conceived from your donation can get in touch with you if they want to.

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### What does removing my anonymity mean?

If you remove your anonymity, this means you agree to us sharing your name, date and place of birth, and most recent address, with any adult conceived from your donation who asks for it.

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### Things to consider

You need to be aware that removing your anonymity is an irreversible decision; it cannot be reinstated at a later date. This makes it all the more important that you take your time to consider all the implications for you and any others who may be affected by your decision.

You should also be aware that removing your anonymity doesn't automatically mean you'll be contacted by any donor-conceived people – not everyone knows they have been conceived as the result of a donation so they may not even know to look for you.

We encourage you to talk through your expectations with someone you trust such as a family member or friend, a professional or other people who have already been through a similar experience. We recommend you take advantage of our free confidential support service which gives you the chance to talk things through with a specialist donor conception support worker. If you would like more information about this, please tell us in section three.

We also strongly advise you to apply to us to find out if any children were conceived as a result of your donation before applying to remove your anonymity. You can find more information on our website – [www.hfea.gov.uk](http://www.hfea.gov.uk) – or by contacting us on 020 7291 8200.

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### What will happen once I've removed my anonymity?

If we are contacted by an adult donor-conceived person for your details, we will try to let you know before we release your name and address. This should give you a chance to talk things through with family and/or friends and get support from our free and confidential support service. It's important that you keep your address and contact details up to date with us as, if we can't reach you, we are still legally obliged to release your information.

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## 1. About you

First name(s)

Surname

First name(s) at birth (if different)

Surname at birth (if different)

First name(s) at time of donation

Surname at time of donation

Date of birth

Gender

House name or number

Street

Town

County

Postcode

Country

Contact number

Email address

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## 2. About your donation

If you have not previously applied to us for information on the outcome of your donation, please supply as many details of your previous donations as possible on the next page. This could include the name and address of the clinic(s) where you donated and/or the donor number(s) assigned to you (if known).

### Clinic(s)'s details

### Date(s) of donation(s)

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## 3. Accessing support

Removing your anonymity is a big decision and so it can be very helpful to talk through your thoughts with a professional. We can offer you a number of free sessions with our confidential support service once we've confirmed your identity.

Would you be interested in finding out more about this service?

Yes

No

If you ticked yes, we will contact you by email or telephone once we've received your application to give you more information about this.

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## 4. Proof of identity and address

Legally we must verify your identity before we can respond to your request. You must therefore send us **one proof of identity** and **one proof of address** from the list below. Please tick which ones you are supplying.

The identity documents you supply must be original documents or copies that have been certified by a solicitor (if you're a solicitor yourself you may not self-certify your own identity documents).

If you have already submitted proof of identity and address to us in the last five years as part of another information request, you do not need to resubmit these documents unless your name and/or address have changed. Please tick this box if this is the case

### Identity:

valid passport

birth certificate (if your name has changed since this was issued, you also need to submit deed poll documentation or a marriage certificate)

valid full or provisional UK driving licence photo card, or

if your driving licence was issued before 1998, a valid old style paper UK driving licence which contains your date of birth.

**Address (dated within the last three months):**

- utility bill
- council tax bill
- bank statement
- credit card statement
- pay slip
- NHS card.

**We recommend that you send this documentation to us using a secure delivery method. We will return them to you within five working days of receiving them by special delivery post. We accept no responsibility whatsoever for accidental loss or mishandling of documents that you submit with this application that is outside our premises and control.**

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## 5. Consent

By signing below, you consent to removing your anonymity as a donor and the HFEA disclosing identifying information about you, upon request, to those people over the age of 18 conceived as a result of your donation.

**Your signature**

**Date**

     

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## Submitting this form

Please post this completed form with your proof of identity and address documents (where necessary) to:

HFEA Information Team  
10 Spring Gardens  
London  
SW1A 2BU

We will respond to your application within 20 working days of receiving this signed form and your proof of identity and address documents (where necessary).

We will retain a copy of this application form and all subsequent correspondence indefinitely.