

**Frequently Asked Questions
on application for enquiry on information contained in Register A
(August 2025 Version)**

Eligibility

1. Who is eligible to make an enquiry?

- Under Section 33 of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance (Cap. 561) , an adult (who has attained the age of **16 years**) may by notice given to the Council on Human Reproductive Technology (the Council) require the Council to comply with a request, and the Council shall do so if –
 - (a) the information contained in Register A shows that the adult was, or may have been, born in consequence of a reproductive technology procedure falls within section 33(2); and
 - (b) the adult has been given a suitable opportunity to receive proper counselling about the implications of compliance with request.
- Application from adult with date of birth before August 2009 will not be proceeded with as the licensing of reproductive technology centres by the Council only began on 22 October 2008 when licensed centres began to submit information on new donor cases. Hence, no information is available to the Council for persons concerned born before August 2009.

2. Under what circumstances I can submit an enquiry?

- An adult (who has attained the age of **16 years**) may submit an application to check whether the information contained in Register A shows that the adult was, or may have been, born in consequence of a reproductive technology procedure which falls within section 33(2).
- If an adult proposes to marry someone and would like to check if they would or might be related, (i.e. if gametes from the same donor were used), they may submit an application.

Before Application

3. Where can I get the application form?

- You may visit the Council's website at <https://www.chrt.org.hk/> to download the application form.

4. Is there any guideline to my application?

- You should read the explanatory notes to the application form carefully before your submission.

5. Should I receive proper counselling about the implications of compliance by the Council with my request?

- Before submitting the request, you/the one you proposes to marry with should consider carefully about the implications of requesting this information and all the possible outcomes. You could talk to someone you trust such as a family member or friend. In addition, you are strongly advised to receive proper counselling from suitable professionals.

Application

6. What information should I provide on the application form?

- The information provided on the application form must be true, correct and complete. Information of legal parents such as name and number on identity documents should be the same with those provided at the time of conducting reproductive technology procedures leading to your birth, otherwise the Council may not be able to trace relevant information in the Register A.
- Applicant and the person whom the applicant proposes to marry (where applicable) must also sign the **declaration at Part 5** of the application form and provide information as stated.
- Making a false declaration (including failure to disclose relevant information) is an offence punishable with imprisonment under the Crimes Ordinance. Cases of false declaration will be reported to the relevant authorities for investigation and prosecution.

7. Is there any supporting documents I should provide?

- You must provide copy of the identity proof, birth certificate / other relevant documents supporting the parental relationship with the legal parents and residential proof for you and the person whom you proposes to marry (where applicable), together with the completed application form.
- To avoid potential abuse by false representation, the applicant provide the Council with a copy of the Notice of Intended Marriage given to the Immigration Department. In case of a marriage to be celebrated outside Hong Kong, a notarized copy of the Notice of Intended Marriage should be provided.
- Acceptable copy of residential proof includes electricity bill, water bill, bank statement, letter from government departments in recent three months.
- In the event that a document is written in a language other than Chinese and English, the official languages of Hong Kong, applicants should ensure that there is a translation of the whole document in Chinese or English provided by translator(s) in Hong Kong or elsewhere.

8. Where should I send my application to?

- Application should be sent to Council on Human Reproductive Technology at Room 58, 17/F, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong by post, or hrtc@dh.gov.hk by email.

Getting the result

9. What results will I get?

- After receiving completed information from the applicants, the Council will provide the following result to the applicant (where applicable) via the reply slip:
 - (a) to give a **straightforward "Yes" / "No" response** to the adult whether the information contained in Register A shows that the adult was, or may have been, born in consequence of a reproductive technology procedure which falls within Section 33 of the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance; and/or

(b) to state whether the adult, and a person specified in the request as a person whom the adult proposes to marry, would or might be related.

10. Can I get the information on the person whose gamete have been used or from whom an embryo has been taken that is genetically related to me?

- In accordance with Ordinance, the Council will **not** give any information as to the identity of a person whose gametes have been used or from whom an embryo has been taken, as they were either anonymous donors or had not given consent to disclose their information.

11. How long will I get the result?

- Normally it takes 10 working days for the Council to provide the result using the reply slip to applicants.

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