



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3111.23 Acknowledgment filed with office of child support.

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(A) The natural mother, the man acknowledging he is the natural father, or the other custodian or guardian of a child, a child support enforcement agency pursuant to section 3111.22 of the Revised Code, a local registrar of vital statistics pursuant to section 3705.091 of the Revised Code, or a hospital staff person pursuant to section 3727.17 of the Revised Code, may file an acknowledgment of paternity with the office of child support in the department of job and family services, acknowledging that the child is the child of the man who signed the acknowledgment. The natural mother, the man acknowledging he is the natural father, and the other custodian or guardian of a child, may file an acknowledgment in person or by mail. A child support enforcement agency, a local registrar of vital statistics, and a hospital staff person may file an acknowledgment electronically, in person, or by mail.

(B) The acknowledgment of paternity shall be:

(1) Made on the affidavit prepared pursuant to section 3111.31 of the Revised Code;

(2) Signed by the natural mother and the man acknowledging that he is the natural father and notarized or witnessed in accordance with division (C) of this section;

(3) Sent to the office not later than ten days after it has been signed and notarized.

(C) Each signature in an acknowledgment of paternity shall be notarized or witnessed by two adult witnesses. The mother and the man acknowledging that he is the natural father may sign and have the signature notarized or witnessed outside of each other's presence. If a person knows a man is presumed under section 3111.03 of the Revised Code to be the natural father of the child described in this section and that the presumed father is not the man who signed an acknowledgment with respect to the child, the person shall not notarize, witness, or file the acknowledgment pursuant to this section.



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