

How to Cancel a Filed Voluntary Declaration of Parentage

Who can cancel a Voluntary Declaration of Parentage?

- Either parent who signed the Voluntary Declaration of Parentage can cancel or “rescind” it within 60 days of the date the last parent signed, unless a court order for custody, visitation, or child support has been made in a case where the person seeking the cancellation is a party. This is officially called a “rescission” and CANCELS the legal parent/child relationship created by the Declaration. Only one parent’s signature is required to rescind a Declaration.
- If either parent was under 18 when they signed the Voluntary Declaration of Parentage, different rules apply. Please visit us online at CalParentage.org for more information.

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- The date must be within 60 days of signing the Voluntary Declaration of Parentage, unless you are under 18 (see above).
- Complete a “Recission Form” (DCSS 0915) available online or by email, contact info below.
- Your signature must be witnessed by a Notary Public and you must submit the original form DCSS 0915, no photocopies accepted.
- The parent requesting cancellation must mail a copy to the other signer of the Declaration, even if you live together and share an address. Proof of mailing is required.
- Send original completed form and proof of mailing to Parentage Opportunity Program, P.O. Box 419070, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741. The envelope must be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date the Declaration was signed.

It’s easy to establish legal parentage without going to court — and it’s free!

For more information visit CalParentage.org

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