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RM 10225.060 Application for a New (Different) Social Security Number (SSN) for an Adopted Child

A. Request for a new SSN for an adopted child

The Field Office (FO) can approve an application, filed by a proper applicant, for a new (different) SSN for an adopted child under age 18. An exclusion covering people who were adopted, and are now age 18 or over, is discussed in RM 10225.060B in this section.


Always cross-refer the adopted child's new SSN to the previously assigned SSN . Use the Numident Correction Processing (NCP) function in SSNAP to cross-refer the original and new SSNs. (See "Cross-referring or Uncross-referring SSNs" in RM 10220.415C.3.)



NOTE:


Requests for access to and disclosure of Numident records in adoption situations can be very sensitive. It is extremely important that we disclose the proper information to only the individuals who are entitled to receive the information. If you receive a request for access to a Numident in an adoption situation, send the request to the Office of Privacy and Disclosure (OPD) at **(b) (2), (b) (6)** Process requests for other records according to current instructions as long as the request meets the access requirements and the adoptive parent is acting in the child's best interest.

B. Exclusion to approving an application for a new SSN for an adoptee








FOs cannot approve an application for a new (different) SSN, from an adoptee/applicant who is an adult (age 18 or older).

If the adult applicant insists on filing an application for a new SSN based on adoption, provide the applicant with Form SSA-L676 (Refusal to Process SSN Application), as instructed in [RM 10215.115](#) .

NOTE: If the adult applicant alleges being a victim of harassment, abuse, or life endangerment, follow procedures on developing eligibility for a new SSN based on HALE in [RM 10220.200](#)  through [RM 10220.240](#) .

If the applicant alleges SSN misuse and recent disadvantage by the misuse of the SSN, see [RM 10220.070](#) .

C. References

- [RM 10215.110](#)  Policy on Providing Written Notice and Second Review When SSN or Card Cannot be Issued
- [RM 10220.050](#)  When the Field Office (FO) May Not Approve Requests for New Social Security Numbers (SSNs)
- [RM 10225.055](#)  Social Security Numbers (SSNs) for Children Prior to Adoption
- [RM 10225.058](#)  How to Process a SSN Replacement Card Request for an Adopted Child With a Name Change
- [RM 10225.066](#)  How to Process New Social Security Number (SSN) Requests for Adoption Cases
- [RM 10225.067](#)  Resolving Social Security Number (SSN) Problems Involving Adoptions
- [RM 10225.070](#)  Foreign - born Adopted Children

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