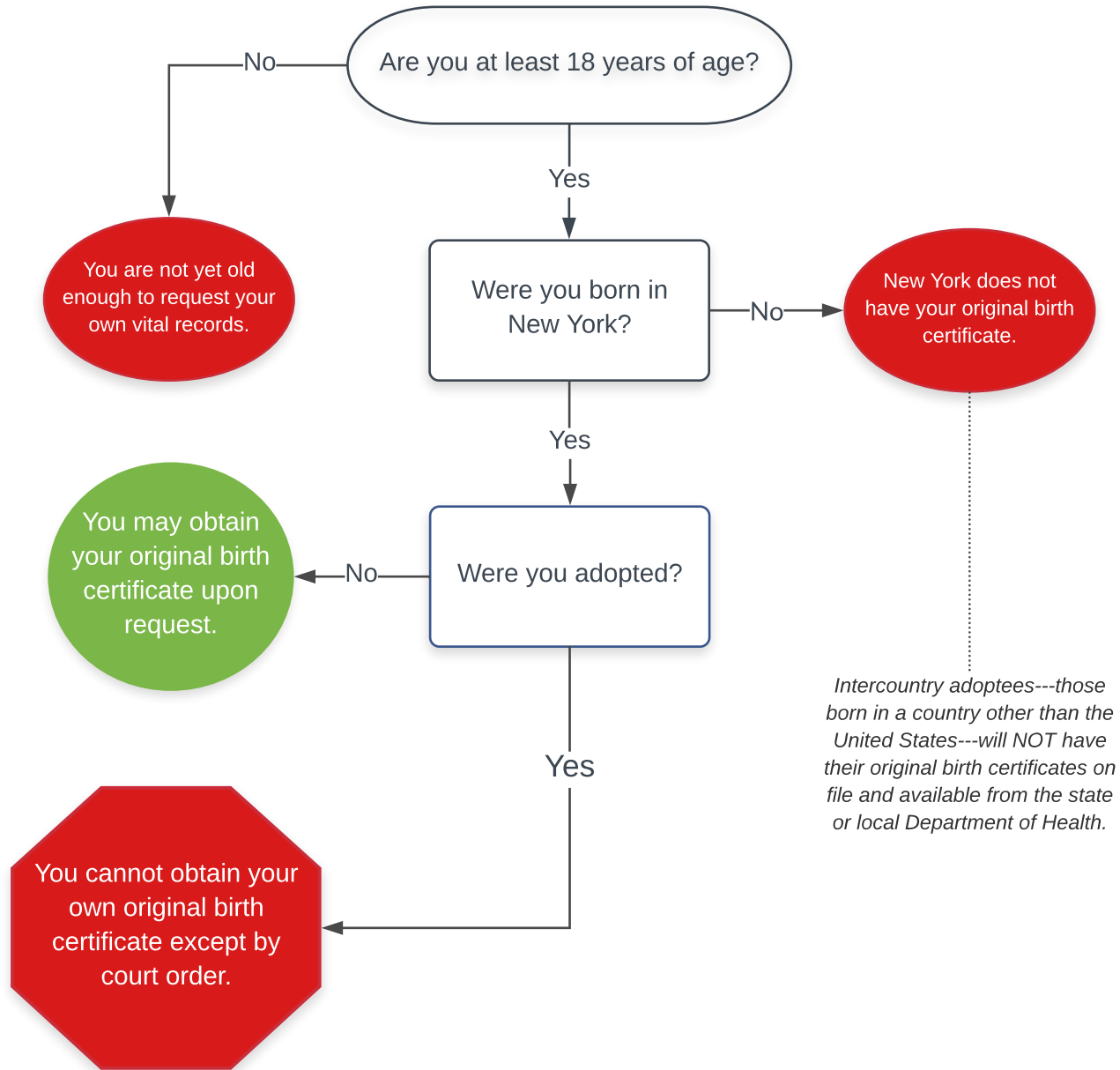


# New York



*Intercountry adoptees---those born in a country other than the United States---will NOT have their original birth certificates on file and available from the state or local Department of Health.*



Court records in adoptions are also sealed and require "good cause" to inspect them. New York's vital records law does not specifically require good cause to release an OBC, though in practice courts appear to apply such a standard.



## Help Change the Law

The New York Adoptee Rights Coalition, representing tens of thousands of New York adoptees across the country, is working directly with legislators and the governor's office to change the law. Join them.

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