

Client Confidentiality Release Form

Due to current confidentiality regulations all doulas should have a signed release form from their client *before* taking any notes about her or her labor, birth or postpartum. The best way to be fully compliant would be to get this release signature at the first prenatal visit, or upon first meeting and joining the client.

Certification candidates should have this form signed before taking any notes. The client should receive a copy of the form she signed, and the doula should have her copy with her at all times to be able to show that she is indeed complying with the confidentiality regulations if questioned. **Confidentiality of medical and personal information obtained during the course of the doula's work is of the utmost importance.** Failure to comply with these confidentiality regulations could result in penalties.

I, _____, at _____
_____ (address), _____ (phone #),
give my permission for my doula, _____, to take
notes about me, including personal information I choose to disclose to her, and information
regarding my labor, birth and postpartum, as well as any information regarding my
child/ren. I understand that this information may be used for the purpose of doula
certification or recertification and will be shared with the Certification Committee of
DONA International. I realize that this information will be shared with the doula that is
providing backup support. I also understand that this information will anonymously be
used by the DONA Data Collection Committee for statistical purposes, and that my doula
may use this information to provide me with a summary for my own personal use.

Signature: _____ Date: _____