

Adoption—adoption consent, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Adoption consent
METEOR identifier:	468460
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 20/05/2013
Definition:	The type of consent given for a child adoption , as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Adoption—adoption consent
Value Domain:	Adoption consent code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Consent from birth mother only (birth father's consent dispensed/not required)
	2	Consent from birth father only (with dispensation of birth mother's consent)
	3	Consent from both birth parents
	4	Consent of both birth parents dispensed/not required
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Consent from birth mother only (birth father's consent dispensed/not required)

A child is legally available for adoption if all the necessary consents to the child's adoption have been obtained or dispensed with.

Consent for local adoptions is usually required from both birth parents. Therefore, dispensation of consent is usually only provided by the relevant court in each state/territory when the birth parent(s) are unable to give consent themselves.

Dispensation is a legal process by which a court may declare that the consent of a parent is not required for an adoption order to be granted. Grounds for dispensation applications are set under individual state and territory legislation. In some jurisdictions, where the birth father's identity is unknown, his consent is not required and so it is not necessary to dispense with his consent. In these cases, consent is only required from the birth mother, and there is no dispensation of the birth father's consent.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Adoption—adoption consent, code N Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Adoptions DSS 2011-13](#)
[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

Implementation start date: 01/07/2011

Implementation end date: 30/06/2013

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local' adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2013-14](#)

[Community Services \(retired\)](#), Recorded 20/03/2014

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2016

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a 'local' adoption.