

Adoption consent code N

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	749118
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021
Definition:	A code set representing the consent by birth parents to an adoption .

Representational attributes

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

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<p>A child is legally available for adoption if all the necessary consents to the child's adoption have been obtained or dispensed with.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CODE 1 Consent from birth mother only (birth father's consent dispensed/not required)</p> <p>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.</p>
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Steward: [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Adoption consent code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021
- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/05/2013

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Adoption—adoption consent, code N](#)

- [Children and Families](#), Standard 03/11/2021