

# Adoption consent code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	749118
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Children and Families</a> , Standard 03/11/2021
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing the consent by birth parents to an <a href="#">adoption</a> .

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code	
<b>Data type:</b>	Number	
<b>Format:</b>	N	
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	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
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<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 <a href="#">local adoptions</a> 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

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Steward:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</a>

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[Children and Families](#), Superseded 03/11/2021  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