Adoption—adoption consent, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Adoption consent
METEOR identifier:	749120
Registration status:	Children and Families, Standard 03/11/2021
Definition:	The type of consent given for an **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:	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.
	CODE 1 Consent from birth mother only (birth father's consent dispensed/not required)
	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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Relational attributes

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[Children and Families,](#) Superseded 03/11/2021

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Adoptions DSS 2020-21](#)
[Children and Families,](#) Superseded 05/06/2023
Implementation start date: 01/07/2020
Implementation end date: 30/06/2021
Conditional obligation:

Conditional on adoption type being a **[local adoption](#)** or a carer (known child) adoption.

[Adoptions DSS 2021-22](#)
[Children and Families,](#) Superseded 04/04/2024
Implementation start date: 01/07/2021
Implementation end date: 30/06/2022
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[Adoptions DSS 2022-23](#)
[Children and Families,](#) Standard 04/04/2024
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