

Adoption consent code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	468236
Registration status:	Community Services (retired) , Standard 20/05/2013 Children and Families , Superseded 03/11/2021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	
	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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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Adoption consent code N](#)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

**Data elements
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domain:**

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