

Consent to Adoption

The Adoption and Children Act 2002

Name of child.....

Before signing this form you are advised to seek legal advice about consenting to adoption and the effect on your parental rights. Publicly funded legal advice may be available from the Community Legal Service. You can get information about this or find a solicitor through CLS Direct on www.clsdirect.org.uk or by telephoning 0845 345 4 345

I, the undersigned _____ consent to the making of a final adoption order in respect of _____ (my child), who is the child to whom the attached birth certificate relates⁽¹⁾, in favour of ⁽²⁾

(the applicant(s))

the applicant(s) applying under serial number _____

I understand that, once the application for the adoption order has been started in the court, my child may only be returned to me if the court so orders. When the adoption order is made, I understand that I will no longer legally be treated as the parent and that my child will from then on become part of the applicant(s)' family. I will have no right to have my child returned to me. I also understand that I will have no right to contact with my child unless it is by arrangement with the applicant(s), or under a court order, when the court will decide on the contact arrangements it considers are most appropriate. Until the adoption order is made, I am entitled to apply to the court for an order for contact with my child at any time. Once the adoption order is made, I will only be entitled to apply for a contact order if the court gives permission.

I understand that when the application for an adoption order is heard, this document may be used as evidence of my consent to the making of the order, unless I inform the court otherwise.

As far as I know, the only person(s) or body(ies) who has/have taken part in the arrangements for my child's adoption is/are⁽³⁾ _____

I have not received any payment or reward from any person making arrangements for the adoption of my child.

[I have taken legal advice] /[I have not taken legal advice, but I have been advised to do so], about giving my consent to adoption and the effect on my parental rights.

**(delete as appropriate)*

I consent, unconditionally and with full understanding of what is involved, to the making of a final adoption order for _____ (my child).

Signed.....

On the..... day of20xx

Witness statement

This form was signed by
on the.....day of20xx
before me (*print full name*).....

Signed.....

Office of witness*.....

Address of witness.....
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Notes

1. If the child has previously been adopted, a certified copy of the entry in the Adopted Children Register should be attached and not a certified copy of the original entry in the Registers of Births.

Where two or more consent forms are supplied to the court at the same time, they may both or all refer to a certificate attached to one of the consent forms.

2. Enter either the name(s) of the applicant(s) for the adoption order or the serial number assigned to the applicant(s) for purposes of the application.

3. Enter the name and address of any person or adoption agency that took part in the arrangements for the child's adoption.

*In England and Wales this form must be witnessed by an officer of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service or, where the child is ordinarily resident in Wales, by a Welsh family proceedings officer. In Scotland it should be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace or a Sheriff, and in Northern Ireland by a Justice of the Peace.

Outside the United Kingdom, the form should be witnessed by a person who is authorised by law in the place where the document is signed to administer an oath for any judicial or legal purpose, a British Consular Officer, a notary public, or, if the person executing the document is serving in the regular armed forces of the Crown, an officer holding a commission in any of those forces.