

Consent by the child's parent to adoption by their partner

(see note 1 below)

The Adoption and Children Act 2002

Name of child _____

Before signing this form it is recommended that you 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

This form may be used where consent to adoption is given by a parent who is the spouse, civil partner or partner of the applicant (see note 1 below).

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 (see note 2 below), in favour of (see note 3 below) _____ (the applicant)

I understand that the making of an adoption order will end the parental responsibility of anyone who holds it at present, other than myself, and that once the adoption order has been made my child's other birth parent will no longer legally be treated as a parent of my child, and I will share parental responsibility equally with (see note 3 below) _____ (the applicant).

I understand that the making of an adoption order will result in my child becoming equally part of my partner's family as mine.

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.

I understand that if my partnership with the applicant ends after the adoption is made, the applicant will continue to be my child's other legal parent.

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
(see note 4 below)

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 of _____ 20____

Witness statement

This form was signed by _____

on the _____ day of _____ 20____

before me (print full name) _____

Signed.....

Office of witness (see Note 5 below) _____

Address of witness

Notes

1. Section 144 (7) of the 2002 Act provides that: 'a person is the partner of a child's parent if the person and the parent are a couple but the person is not the child's parent. Note: a person who has entered into a civil partnership can be a "step parent".
2. 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.

3. Enter the name of the applicant for the adoption order.
4. Enter the name and address of any person or adoption agency that took part in the arrangements for the child's adoption.
5. 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.