

Consent to the making of an Order under Section 84 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002

Name of child:

Before signing this form, you are advised to seek legal advice about consenting to the making of an order under section 84 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 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 an order under section 84 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 giving parental responsibility for _____ (my child), who is the child to whom the attached birth certificate relates (1), to (2)

* [_____ (the applicant(s))

* [the applicant(s) applying under serial number _____]

*(complete as applicable)

prior to my child being taken to [insert name of country if known] [a country outside the British Islands(3)] to be adopted by the applicant(s).

I understand that, once the application for the order under section 84 has been started in the court, I am likely to need the court's permission for my child to be returned to me. Once the order is made, I understand that I will have no right to have my child returned to me.

I also understand that once the application for the order under section 84 has been started in the court I will have no right to contact with my child unless it is by arrangement

*[with the adoption agency that has placed my child for adoption]

*[with the applicant(s)] *(delete as applicable)

or by order of the court, when the court will decide on the contact arrangements it considers are most appropriate.

Once the order under section 84 has been made and my child has been taken to a country outside the British Islands, I understand that it is likely to be difficult for me to enforce any contact order made here, or to obtain a contact order in that country. If I will want contact with my child after the order has been made, I should obtain legal advice.

As far as I know, the only person(s) or body(ies) who has/have taken part in the arrangements for the adoption of my child is/are(4) _____

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 the making of an order under section 84 giving the applicant(s) parental responsibility for my child prior to adoption abroad and the effect on my parental rights, in particular, the difficulties of maintaining contact with my child once the order is made.

*(delete as applicable)

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

I consent, unconditionally and with full understanding of what is involved, to the making of an order under section 84 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 in respect of

_____ (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.

2. Enter either the name(s) of the applicant(s) for the order under section 84, or the serial number assigned to the applicant(s) for purposes of the application.

3. The British Islands means England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

4. 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.