

Part 3 About the child's parent(s) or guardian

Note 18

If the child has previously been adopted, give the names of his/her adoptive parents, not those of his/her natural parents.

Note 19

You must also enter the occupation of your partner who is the parent of the child you are applying to adopt.

Note 20

If the child's parents were not married to each other or in a civil partnership at the time of his/her birth, the child's father or other parent may have parental responsibility because

- the child's father and the child's mother have married since the child was born;
- the child's other parent and child's mother have entered into a civil partnership since the child was born;
- the child's father or other parent has a parental responsibility agreement with the mother, or has been granted a parental responsibility order, or;
- the child's father or other parent registered the child's birth jointly with the child's mother (since 1 December 2003)

Give details of any court order or agreement in respect of parental responsibility in paragraph (m) of Part 2 About the child.

Note 21

If the child has no guardian, enter 'not applicable'. Otherwise, enter the details of any person appointed to be the child's guardian by deed or will or otherwise in writing in accordance with section 5(5) of the Children Act 1989, or by an order made under section 5(1) or 14A of that Act. If the child has more than one guardian, please give the name and address of any other guardian(s) on a separate sheet, putting the child's full name, the number of the Part and the paragraph reference at the head of the sheet.

Note 22

If the child you are applying to adopt is already the subject of a current placement order, the adoption agency has placed the child with you and no parent or guardian opposes the making of the adoption order, you do not need to ask the court to dispense with the consent of the child's parent(s) or guardian(s) to your application. You do not have to complete paragraph (j), but please ensure that you have entered the details of the placement order in Part 2, About the child.

If the child you are applying to adopt is already the subject of a current freeing order, you do not need to ask the court to dispense with the consent of the child's parent(s) or guardian(s) to your application. You do not have to complete paragraph (j), but please ensure that you have entered the details of the freeing order in Part 2, About the child.

You do not need to ask the court to dispense with the consent of the child's parent(s) or guardian(s) to your application if:

- the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) has/have consented to the making of an adoption order; **or**
- the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) gave advance consent to the making of a future adoption order (and they have not withdrawn that consent) and they do not oppose the making of an adoption order; **or**
- the child was placed with you for adoption by an adoption agency with the consent of each parent/guardian (and the mother's consent was given when the child was at least 6 weeks old), and no parent/guardian opposes the making of an adoption order.

Please complete paragraph (j) showing which of these conditions applies in your case.

If the child's father or other parent does not have parental responsibility for the child, you do not need that parent's consent to your application for an adoption order.