

Parent/guardian consent to adoption

See Note 22

Note: You do not need to complete paragraph (j) if

- the child you are applying to adopt is the subject of a current placement order, the adoption agency has placed the child with you, and no parent/guardian of the child opposes the making of an adoption order;

or

- the child you are applying to adopt is the subject of a current freeing order.

Instead, go straight to Part 4 General. You should give the details of the placement order or freeing order in Part 2 About the Child above. Otherwise, please tick the box that applies to your circumstances and give any further information requested.

- l) ☐ 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- ☐ The child's parent(s)/guardian(s) gave advance consent to the making of a future adoption order (and has/have not withdrawn that consent) and does/do not oppose the making of an adoption order

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or

- ☐ The child was placed with me/us 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

or

- ☐ The following parent(s)/guardian(s) of the child has/have not consented to the making of an adoption order: (give name(s) below)

and I/we ask the court to dispense with his/her/their consent on the following grounds:
(please tick the grounds that apply)

- ☐ he/she/they cannot be found
- ☐ he/she/they lack capacity (within the meaning of the Mental Capacity Act 2005) to give consent
- ☐ the welfare of the child requires it.

You must attach a brief statement of facts (and two copies of the statement) setting out a summary of the history of the case and any other facts to satisfy the court that the grounds for your request apply.

IMPORTANT: The court will send a copy of your statement of facts to each parent or guardian of the child. If you intend to ask the court to keep your identity confidential, you should make sure that the statement of facts does not include any information that could identify you, where you live, or where the child goes to school or nursery.