



Ohio Revised Code Section 3107.03 Who may adopt.

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The following persons may adopt:

- (A) A husband and wife together, at least one of whom is an adult;
 - (B) An unmarried adult;
 - (C) A married adult without the other spouse joining as a petitioner if any of the following apply:
 - (1) The other spouse is a parent of the person to be adopted and consents to the adoption;
 - (2) The petitioner and the other spouse are separated under section 3103.06 or 3105.17 of the Revised Code;
 - (3) The failure of the other spouse to join in the petition or to consent to the adoption is found by the court to be by reason of prolonged unexplained absence, unavailability, incapacity, or circumstances that make it impossible or unreasonably difficult to obtain either the consent or refusal of the other spouse.
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