



Disclosure Statement and Privacy Notice

The Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (Child Safety) is collecting the personal information on this form to establish whether individuals seeking to become foster carers are 'suitable persons'. The collection of this information is authorised by the *Child Protection Act 1999* and the Child Protection Regulation 2023. Your personal information will be treated in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

Under the *Childrens Court Rules 2016* and the *Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016*, Child Safety is required to provide relevant information to the Director of Child Protection Litigation (DCPL) in relation to child protection proceedings, and the DCPL has a duty to disclose documents relevant to the proceeding to each other party. Therefore, any information provided to the department that may be relevant to current or future court proceedings may be provided to the parties, including the parents. This may include applications for future child protection orders for children already in your care as an approved foster or kinship carer, such as long-term Child Protection Orders.

Release of comments under *Information Privacy Act 2009*

Under the Information Privacy Act (the IP Act), applicant/s can apply to gain access to documents relevant to the department's assessment of their application and this information may be released in accordance with the IP Act.

Any information you provide about the applicant may be discussed, partially or in full, with the applicant, as part of the assessment process.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Applicant 1 name:

Applicant 2 name:

Name of referee:

Contact number:

Assessor's name:

Date received:

CSSC or agency name and contact details:



REFEREE QUESTIONNAIRE

From where and how long you have known the applicant/s?

APPLICANT 1

Are you related to the applicant?

Yes No

If yes, describe your relationship:

APPLICANT 2

Are you related to the applicant?

Yes No

If yes, describe your relationship:

Describe what you feel may be the applicant's strong points in relation to caring for children and young people.

What do you feel are the applicant's limitations in relation to caring for children and/or young people?

Do you have an awareness of the applicant's religious, cultural, or spiritual beliefs and the influence of these on the applicant's life?

APPLICANT 1

APPLICANT 2

enter text.

In relating to children and young people would you describe the applicant as:

Calm Yes No

Patient Yes No

Having a positive attitude to
children and young people Yes No

Calm Yes No

Patient Yes No

Having a positive attitude to
children and young people Yes No

Can you describe a situation where the applicant has been angry, stressed or felt they were being tested, and any resolution strategies used in this situation?



Where applicable, how does the applicant relate to their own children? *Provide examples.*

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Can you comment on the methods the applicant uses to bring up their children e.g., discipline, setting boundaries, positive reinforcement?

How consistently are these methods used (*include public and private situations and experience with other children*)?

What awareness do you have of the applicant's experience of looking after other people's children? *Provide examples.*

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Would the applicant be able to recognise when he/she was experiencing difficulties caring for a child? Would he/she ask for and accept help?

In your opinion would the applicant's lifestyle be compatible with fostering? *(Consider the applicant's commitments, including family, work and social commitments)*

How would you describe the applicant's attitude towards and approach to looking after their health and well-being? *Provide examples.*

APPLICANT 1

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text.

Have you ever known the applicant to:

Use illegal drugs Yes No

Misuse medication Yes No

Be involved in illegal activities Yes No

Have a problem managing anger Yes No

Abuse alcohol Yes No

Gamble compulsively Yes No

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Gamble compulsively Yes No

If yes, to any of the above, please provide details:

How would you describe the applicant's relationship to one another (where applicable)? e.g., *supportive*.

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Do you feel that both the applicants are equally committed to becoming foster carers? (*Where applicable*)

How do you think the applicant's children (where applicable) will respond to another child/ren coming into their home? (*i.e., sharing parent's attention, sharing rooms, etc*).

If you were responsible for a child's future, would you recommend the applicant to care for the child?
Provide a reason for why you would or would not recommend the applicant.

APPLICANT 1

APPLICANT 2

Additional comments:

Referee signature

Where completed by the referee

Date:

Where referee check is conducted by phone:

Assessor's name:

Date conducted:

Signature:

I have read the privacy notice and release of comments information to the referee and the referee has consented to the conduct of this check.