Child Welfare or Protective Agencies: A guide to lodging child passport applications

This Guide

This guide provides an overview to completing a child passport application for a child in out-of-home care. Please speak to your head office for guidance should you have concerns. The Australian Passport Office works directly with agencies to resolve any issues that may arise when lodging a child passport application for a child in out-of-home care.

Who can lodge the child's passport application?

- The child welfare agency delegate exercising parental responsibility for the child
- The delegate exercising parental responsibility can authorise another person (a caseworker, carer or NGO) to lodge the application with the form B10 Child subject to state/territory child welfare law
 - The delegate must complete the form B10 and the person authorised to lodge must attend the interview.
- Individuals granted guardianship or parental responsibility under child welfare legislation

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Lodge applications in a state or territory Passport Office where possible
- Allow six to eight weeks for applications to be processed – we will endeavour to turnaround applications as quickly as possible
- Child applicants aged 16 or 17 must accompany the person lodging the child's passport application to the passport interview

Lodgement Checklist

Below is a list of requirements and documents generally needed when lodging a passport application for a child in out-of-home care. The list is not comprehensive and there may be other requirements or documents needed depending on the application.

- Completed PC4 child passport application form
- ☐ Child's birth certificate
- □ Evidence of citizenship
- Form B10 Child subject to state/territory child welfare law
- ☐ The current court order and any referenced previously issued orders
- Colour photographs signed by appropriate guarantor
- ☐ 'Record of transfer' between Child Welfare Agencies (if applicable)
- Documentation regarding name changes (if applicable)
- ☐ Child's current passport (if one is held)
- ☐ Form B11 General Declaration (if additional information has to be provided)
- Child applicants aged 16 or 17 must accompany the person lodging the child's passport application to the passport interview
- □ Photo ID for lodging person

Note: No other B Form should be required

Court orders and court action pending

It can be quicker to obtain a passport with an Australian court order that permits the child to have an Australian travel document.

If all other requirements are met, a passport will be issued within 3 weeks instead of the normal 6 to 8 weeks.

The court order must permit the child to:

- Have an Australian travel document OR
- > Travel internationally OR
- To live or spend time with a person outside of Australia

Passport applications for children in out-of-home care are ordinarily approved by a delegate of the Minister for Foreign Affairs under the special circumstance outlined in paragraph 10(3)(j) of the Australian Passports Determination 2015. However, the delegate is prevented from considering this special circumstance where Australian court action is pending that may affect:

- ➤ The issue of an Australian travel document to the child, or
- The rights of the child to travel internationally, or
- Who has parental responsibility for the child.

When Australian court action is pending, the only way to guarantee the issue of a passport without the consent of all persons with parental responsibility is with an Australian court order that permits the child to have an Australian travel document, travel internationally or to live or spend time with a person outside of Australia.

Parental responsibility for the purposes of obtaining a passport

Parental responsibility for the purposes of obtaining a passport is defined in subsection 11(5) of the *Australian Passports Act 2005*.

Orders made under child welfare legislation cannot remove a person's parental responsibility for the purposes of obtaining a passport.

Where it is not possible to obtain the written consent of all persons with parental responsibility, a statement outlining why consent was not provided must be included in the <u>form B10 Child</u> <u>subject to state/territory child welfare law</u>.

Persons with parental responsibility for obtaining a passport include:

- > The child's parents
 - If a parent is deceased, a death certificate, coroner's report, cremation certificate or medical certificate outlining the cause of death for that parent is required.
- The Minister or Head of Agency of the relevant child welfare agency (or their delegate)
 - Where a child has been transferred between agencies, the 'record of transfer' must be provided with the application.
 - Signed declarations will only be accepted where the supporting legislative authority/legislation is also provided.
 - Individuals granted guardianship or parental responsibility by a court, or, who are to live with the child under a parenting order

Organisations operating under a 'Placement Agreement' (or the equivalent) generally do not have parental responsibility.

Evidence of citizenship

Evidence of Australian citizenship can be:

- The child's Australian passport (issued on/after I January 2000 and valid for two years), or
- ➤ Either parent's full Australian birth certificate (where the parent was born in Australia before 20 August 1986), or
- Either parent's Australian passport (issued on or after 20 August 1986, valid for at least two years and issued before the child's birth), or
- A Citizenship Certificate issued to either parent (before the child's birth) or to the child.

Note: If the child's parent was born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986, evidence of one of their parent's (the child's grandparent) Australian citizenship will need to be presented.

Copies of citizenship documentation will be accepted if the originals are unavailable to child welfare agencies

Evidence not available

If the above documentation is unavailable, a request can be made to the Department of Home Affairs for evidence of the child's citizenship using form 119 available from Home Affairs' website. A statutory declaration is often required when the parent's documents are unavailable. Please allow ample time for Home Affairs to process this request.

Indigenous child

A letter on official letterhead from a community elder, community leader, community council, a church mission, an associate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander body, or a government authority may be provided to evidence citizenship.

The letter must:

- State the child's name, date and place of birth; and
- Confirm that <u>the child is directly descended</u> from a person born prior to 1986 in Australia; and
- Confirm that the child is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (the letter should state family lineage where this is possible).

Alternatively, please contact the Passport Office in your state or territory for assistance.

Preventing the issue of a passport

A person with parental responsibility for a child may raise a Child Alert. The alert warns DFAT there may be circumstances that need to be considered before a passport can be issued to a child. Child Alert Request (Form PC9) forms are available at passport offices or by phoning APIS on 131 232.

A child alert will not prevent a child from travelling if they already have, or are entitled to, a travel document from Australia or another country.

To prevent a child from travelling, you can seek to have their name placed on the Family Law Watch List. Further information can be found on the Australian Federal Police website at https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/crime-types/family-law-kit.

Australian Passport Office Locations

Passport Offices are open 8.30am to 4.00pm weekdays (closed on local/national public holidays)

Appointments are mandatory unless attending to collect a completed passport (phone 131 232)

Adelaide Passport Office	Brisbane Passport Office
5th Floor Allianz House	17th floor
55 Currie Street	150 Charlotte Street
Adelaide South Australia	Brisbane Queensland
Canberra Passport Office	Darwin Passport Office
R G Casey Building	5th Floor
Sydney Avenue	Northern Territory House
Barton ACT	22 Mitchell Street
	Darwin, NT
Hobart Passport Office	Melbourne Passport Office
Level 1,	Tower 3, Level 2, Collins Square,
111 Macquarie Street	747 Collins Street,
Hobart, Tasmania	Docklands Victoria
Sydney Passport Office	Perth Passport Office
Level 7	Level 1
26 Lee Street	140 William Street
Sydney NSW	Perth WA
(near Central Station)	(entry is via the stairs or lift off William Street)

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	Given name(s)	known requirement. If so, nominate a guarantor who meets all other requirements.
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17 Declaration by parent—cannot be more than six months old

I declare that:

- information about all persons with parental responsibility for the child and any current court orders in relation to the child have been provided with this application
- the child is an Australian citizen
- the statements that I have made and the information that I have provided in, or in connection with, this application are true and correct
- I have read and understood the 'Notice about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information' on page 4.

I understand that:

the applicant's photo and personal information will be used for data and biometric matching purposes, even in the event that the application is withdrawn (biometric matching allows the passport photo to be electronically compared with other facial images to confirm identity).

> evidence must be attached)

It is a criminal offence under the Australian Passports Act 2005 to make false or misleading statements (there are penalties of up to 10 years imprisonment or a fine of 1000 penalty units, or both). Under section 19A of the Act, we can also refuse to process an application for an Australian travel document if we have reasonable grounds to suspect traud or dishonesty in the application.

Parent's signature - must be inside the white box

The person lodging this application should complete this section.

They must include their position details under the signature

Date signed	DD/M	M/YY	
Signed by	X Parent 1	X Parent 2	Other person with parental responsibility
Full name of person signing			,

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Town/city/suburb/locality

State/territory/province

Statement under the Australian Passports Act 2005 Application for an Australian Travel Document Form B-10

APPLICATION NUMBER

Child subject to an order made under state or territory child welfare law

The form must be completed by the person who holds parental responsibil care, this is the delegate.	ity for the child. Where the child is in state/territory
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Details of the person granted parental responsibility or guardianship Full name	delegate who can exercise parental responsibility for the child. This person must complete the declaration in section 8.
Position (when lodged by government department)	NGOs will have to provide documentary evidence of the transfer of parental responsibility.
2. CHILD'S DETAILS	
Given names Previous names	
Date of birth Date of proposed travel Are there any sibling	Do not finalise travel bookings until you know whether a passport will be issued to the child.
applications? No Yes	
If yes, include full name of all siblings	Enter details of any sibling applications here so sibling applications can be processed together.
3. DELIVERY ADDRESS	
The travel document will be sent to the child's residential address in to you want the travel document to be sent to the child's residential address. Yes No, provide new delivery address below	
Street address or Post Office box	Unless you provide an alternative address here, the child's travel document will be

sent to the residential address listed in section 8 of the

PC4 Child Passport Application.

Postcode

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4. COURT ORDERS	avandianabia as avatado
Details of the court order granting parental responsibility,	guardianship or custody
Name of court	
Order registration number	Enter the details of the most recently issued court order for the child.
Date of court order DD / MM / YYYYY	
Is this the most recent court order? Yes No, provide all court or the court order?	orders
Are you aware of any other court orders, or legal proceedings Australian travel document or to travel internationally or which n No Yes (provide details below)	
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Note that if legal proceedings are underway that may affect particular travel document or travel internationally, there are limited wish to seek the court's direction on travel document issue be	mits to the special circumstances we can consider. You may
5. ADDITIONAL CONSENT	
This will generally include the child's biological parents ar the child, or who can live with the child, under a court order	
Note that under the Australian Passports Act 2005 only an ord Act 1997 (WA) can extinguish parental responsibility.	
Was the consent of all other parties with parental responsibility	
No (provide details why consent was not obtained)	Yes The answer to this question will be 'No' unless the child's parent/s have consented.
purposes of obtaining a passport und If consent from the child's parents (and any other pa guardianship or custody, or who can live with the c	nnot remove a person's parental responsibility for the der the Australian Passports Act 2005. erson who has court awarded parental responsibility, hild under a parenting order) has not been provided dease explain why here.
Full names of parents (where known) and any other persons w custody, or who can live with the child under a court order.	rith court awarded parental responsibility, guardianship or
	Enter the name/s of the child's parents, and any other person who has court awarded

custody, or who can live with the child under a parenting order.



6. LODGMENT (GOVERNMENT ONLY)

Details of the person authorised by the delegate to lodge application Full name

Position

Contact number

The person nominated in this section must lodge the child's passport application and present their photo identification

7. AUTHORISED PERSON'S DETAILS (GOVERNMENT ONLY)

Details of the person authorised by the delegate to provide information or make enquiries in relation to the child's passport application.

Full name

Position

Contact number

Contact email

This person will be contacted by the Australian Passport Office if further information or documentation is required for the child's passport application. More than one contact person can be authorised in this section.



8. DECLARATION

Declaration to be made by the named guardian/delegate only

I consent to the abovementioned child having an Australian travel document.

I declare that

- I am a person with parental responsibility for the child or I am the delegate of the Minister, Chief Executive, Secretary or Director-General in relation to the above mentioned child (where applicable)
- all persons with parental responsibility for the child have provided consent for the child to have an Australian travel document,
 or, where this has not occurred, details have been provided in Section 5 and all court orders have been provided
- the person identified in Section 6 of this form may lodge a travel document application in relation to the child (where applicable)
- the person identified in Section 7 can make enquiries and provide information in relation to the application for the child (where applicable)
- the information I have given on this form is complete and correct. I am aware that it is a criminal offence under the
 Australian Passports Act 2005 to make a false or misleading statement either in writing or verbally to obtain an
 Australian travel document, and that the penalty is imprisonment up to 10 years or 1000 penalty units, or both.

I understand that:

- The child's photograph will be used for biometric matching purposes (biometric matching allows the photograph to be electronically compared with other facial images to confirm identity).
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) may disclose the information that has been provided in or with the
 application to any organisation or individual that can verify the information to establish the child's identity and eligibility
 for an Australian travel document.
- DFAT may publicise or pass details of any lost or stolen document to federal, state, territory or foreign governments

 including police and other agencies and international organisations such as Interpol, to restrict the illegal use of these documents.
- DFAT may confirm or verify the validity of any Australian travel document, or disclose the minimum necessary
 information held in relation to the child's Australian travel document to facilitate the child's international travel, or
 disclose the information for other specified purposes, on the request of specified organisations.
- DFAT may use the information for testing, training and research (phone 131 232 to object).
- DFAT may use the information for the provision of consular services.

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	thing I have recorded in this form is true a gree to the consent and declarations con		
Signature of guardian/delegate		Date signed	MM , YYYY

The person recorded in section 1 of this form must complete this declaration.