

Relationship status verification form



MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
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This form is used to record information from someone nominated by you, about your relationship status when applying for Sole Parent Support.

Applicant to complete

Tell us your details

1

What is your full name?

First and middle names

Surname or family name

2

What date were you born?

Day Month Year

Your signature

I understand that the person providing the statement about my relationship status may be contacted.

I have read and understood the Privacy Statement in my application form.

Your signature

Date

Day Month Year

Please read this important information

People giving information about a person's relationship status must:

- be 18 years or over
- have known the applicant for at least two years
- be currently living in New Zealand
- not be the applicant's ex-partner
- not be an immediate family member of the applicant, that is, not be their:
 - parent, step-parent, in-laws
 - child, step-child, whāngai child
 - sibling (for example, brother or sister)
 - grandparent
 - grandchild/mokopuna.

If you have any questions about eligibility for benefits or Work and Income's definition of a relationship:

- visit workandincome.govt.nz
- call **0800 559 009**.

Nominated person to complete

Tell us your details

1

What is your full name?

First and middle names

Surname or family name

2

What date were you born?

Day Month Year

Tell us how we can contact you

3

Where do you live?

Flat/House number Street name

Suburb

Town/City

HOW TO ANSWER Q3:

If you live in a rural area, flat/house number could include your RAPID number, fire number, emergency services number.

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Is your mailing address different from where you live?

No

Yes



Tell us your mailing address

HOW TO ANSWER Q4:

Mailing address can include a PO Box, rural delivery details, or C/O address.

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Can we contact you about the information you are providing?

No

Go to question 7

Yes

HOW TO ANSWER Q5:

Please only give us contact details you'd like us to use.

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How can we contact you?

Tick the best way for us to first contact you

Home phone	()	
Mobile phone	()	
Other phone	()	

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What is your relationship to the person named on page 1?

Tell us about the person's current relationship status

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Using your own words, describe the relationship status of the person named on page 1?

If you're worried about the information you're being asked to provide you can contact our Fraud Allegation line:

- Call us **0800 556 006**
- Email **fraud_allegations@msd.govt.nz**

You can remain anonymous and we'll do everything we can to protect your privacy.

Confirmation

I confirm the information I've provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
I'm aware that if I provide false information I could be prosecuted and fined or imprisoned.
I've read and understood the Privacy Statement contained in this form.

Your name (print)

Your signature

Date

Day	Month	Year

Privacy Statement

The Ministry of Social Development includes Work and Income, MSD Housing Assessment, Senior Services, StudyLink and other service lines. The legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development allows us to check the information that you give us. This may happen when you apply for assistance and at any time after that. The Privacy Act 1993 requires us to tell you why we collect the information and what we will do with it.

Why we collect information

The information you give us is collected under the authority of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development and will be held by the Ministry of Social Development.

The information is collected for the purposes of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development including:

- granting benefits and other assistance under the Social Security Act 2018
- delivering superannuation services under the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001
- delivering assistance under the Veterans' Support Act 2014
- providing services under the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018
- statistical and research purposes
- providing advice to Government
- providing support and services for you and your family
- providing education related services
- care and protection needs of children
- assessing eligibility for social housing and calculating income-related rents under the Housing Restructuring and Tenancy Matters Act 1992
- assessing whether you and/or your partner may be entitled to an overseas pension, benefit or allowance.

You are not required to give the Ministry of Social Development information, but if you do not give us all the information we ask for, your application for benefits or pensions and other assistance may be declined.

We may contact health practitioners

The Ministry of Social Development may contact health practitioners to check any health related information you give us.

We may use information for public housing

Information you give us when you apply for assistance, and at any time after that, may also be used for public housing purposes under the Housing Restructuring and Tenancy Matters Act 1992, including reviewing your eligibility for social housing or your income-related rent. Public housing is subsidised housing available to people in the greatest need of housing for the duration of their need. It is provided by Housing New Zealand and approved community housing providers.

We may compare the information you give us with information held by other agencies

The information you give us may be compared with information held by other agencies such as Inland Revenue, the Ministry of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Zealand Customs Service, Department of Internal Affairs, Accident Compensation Corporation, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Ministry of Health and Immigration New Zealand. It may also be compared with social security information (for example, pension or benefit information) held by other governments (including Australia, Malta and the Netherlands).

We may share information with Inland Revenue

Under the Tax Administration Act 1994, if you have dependent children, the information you give us may be shared with Inland Revenue for the purpose of administering Working for Families Tax Credits. Inland Revenue may also:

- use the information for the purposes of child support, student loans and taxation
- disclose it to the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Justice, the Accident Compensation Corporation, and the Ministry of Education
- disclose your personal information to your partner.

We may give information to service providers, employers, public housing providers and childcare providers

The Ministry of Social Development may:

- give employers information about you if you use our employment services
- share information with childcare centres to administer your entitlement to childcare assistance
- give information about you to the Tertiary Education Commission, Workbridge, training providers, career services or other agencies that have a formal agreement to provide services on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development, if you use our employment services
- share information about you with public housing providers (such as Housing New Zealand) to administer your housing-related assistance.

We may use your information to give you a better service

Other information that you give us that is not required to assess your entitlement may be used to provide a better service to you.

You have the right to see and correct your information

Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to ask to see all information we hold about you and to ask us to correct that information.