

## **Child (Foster Care) Regulations 2022**

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### **THE CHILDREN'S ACT 2020**

#### **Regulations made by the Minister under section 71 of the Children's Act 2020**

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Child (Foster Care) Regulations 2022**.

2. In these regulations —

"Act" means the Children's Act 2020;

"alternative placement" means a place of safety to which a child is committed, following a Court Order;

"Committee" means Foster Care Advisory Committee referred to in regulation 3;

"certificate" means a certificate of registration issued under regulation 4(6);

"Code of Conduct" means the Code of Conduct set out in the First Schedule;

"foster home" means a foster parent or family; "placement" —

(a) means a placement order or long-term care order made under section 37 or 39 of the Act; and

(b) includes an emergency placement made in virtue of an emergency protection order and interim placement order made under section 36 and section 37(2)(a) of the Act, respectively;

"register" means the register prescribed under the regulation 7; and

"visitor" means a social worker designated by the supervising officer to monitor any placement made under these regulations.

3. (1) There shall be, for the purposes of these regulations, a Foster Care Advisory Committee which shall —

- (a) advise on the formulation and implementation of objectives, policies and priorities for the enhancement and further development of the foster care system in Mauritius;
  - (b) oversee processes, standards and outcomes related to the development and implementation of a foster care system in Mauritius, including strategies for monitoring and assessing the system;
  - (c) oversee the assessment and evaluation of the foster care system and make recommendations to the Minister for such improvements and changes as may be required;
  - (d) consider applications, suspensions, revocations and renewals, referred to it under regulations 4(2) and (5) and 5(2), (3) and make recommendations accordingly to the supervising officer.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of —
- (a) the supervising officer or his representative, as Chairperson;
  - (b) a representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
  - (c) a representative of the Attorney-General's Office;
  - (d) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of education;
  - (e) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of finance;
  - (f) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of health;
  - (g) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of social security;
  - (h) a representative of the Ministry responsible for the subject of youth and sports;
  - (i) the Commissioner of Police or his representative;
  - (j) the Commissioner of Probation and After Care or his representative;
  - (k) the technical head of the section responsible for the subject of child development or his representative
  - (l) a representative of the Mauritius Bar Association;
  - (m) a psychologist, to be appointed by the supervising officer.

(3) The Committee shall meet as often as the Chairperson may determine, but at least once every 2 months, at such time and place as he may determine.

(4) At any meeting of the Committee, 7 members shall constitute a quorum.

(5) Where the Chairperson is absent from a meeting of the Committee, the members present shall elect one of the members to chair the meeting.

(6) Subject to these regulations, the Committee shall regulate its proceedings in such manner as it may determine.

**4.** (1) No child shall be placed in a foster home unless the foster home is registered under these regulations.

(2) (a) Any person who intends to provide for a foster home shall make an application to the supervising officer.

(b) An application under subparagraph (a) shall be made by —

(i) an unmarried or a married person; or

(ii) a married couple.

(3) The application under paragraph (2) shall be —

(a) made in the form set out in the Second Schedule; and

(b) referred to the Foster Care Advisory Committee for its recommendations.

(4) For the purpose of granting the registration and subsequent placement, the supervising officer shall take into account —

(a) the number of children who may be accommodated;

(b) the age range of the children;

(c) the recommendations of the Foster Care Advisory Committee; and

(d) the best interest of the child.

(5) The supervising officer may, in accordance with the recommendations of the Foster Care Advisory Committee, grant or reject the application.

(6) Where the supervising officer grants the application, he shall issue a certificate of registration to the applicant in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

(7) Where the supervising officer rejects an application, he shall, within 30 days of his decision, inform the applicant accordingly.

(8) The applicant may, within 21 days of having been informed of the decision of the supervising officer, make an appeal, in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule, to the Minister.

(9) The decision of the Minister shall be final.

**5.** (1) A certificate of registration shall be valid for a period of 2 years and may be renewed for further periods of 3 years.

(2) An application for the renewal of a certificate of registration shall be made at least 60 days before the expiry of the certificate.

(3) Where the supervising officer is satisfied that the applicant complies with the Code of Conduct, he may issue a renewal certificate in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule.

**6.** (1) Every foster home shall comply with the Code of Conduct.

(2) Where a foster home fails to comply with the Code of Conduct, the supervising officer shall —

(a) inform it accordingly; and

(b) provide it such reasonable delay as he thinks fit for it to comply with the Code of Conduct.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where a foster home fails to comply with the Code of Conduct, he may, after hearing the foster home, suspend, vary or revoke the certificate of registration.

(4) (a) Where a certificate of registration is suspended, varied or revoked, the foster home may, within 21 days after having been notified of the decision, make an appeal, in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule, to the Minister.

(b) The decision of the Minister shall be final.

**7.** (1) The supervising officer shall keep a register for foster homes where the following shall be recorded —

- (a) names, National Identity Card number and occupation of foster parents,
- (b) residential address and contact details of foster parents; and
- (c) date of registration as foster parents.

(2) The authorised officer shall keep a file for the foster child with details as specified in the Sixth Schedule.

**8.** (1) The supervising officer shall —

- (a) have supervisory powers over every foster home, including the power to visit, assess, assist and guide the foster home;
- (b) ensure that adequate training is given to the foster home and assistance and support be given to the biological parents;
- (c) ensure that every foster home complies with the Act and these regulations;
- (d) ensure that the best interests of the child prevail;
- (e) interview the child before the placement;
- (f) ensure that due consideration is given to the needs of every child's wishes and views;
- (g) inform the Court and the Probation Officer of the child's wishes and views;
- (h) on termination of the placement, arrange for aftercare service to the child;
- (i) explain to the foster home all the duties and obligations that it has towards the child; and
- (j) enter into an agreement, in writing, with the foster home regarding the placement before such placement is made.

(2) The agreement under paragraph (1)(j) shall, inter alia, specify that the foster home shall discharge its functions and perform its duties in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**9.** The supervising officer shall, except in cases of emergency placements, provide the foster home with all the information necessary for the care and welfare of the child, including —

- (a) the reasons for the placement of the child in foster care;

- (b) the child's personal history, family, social, religious and cultural background;
- (c) the child's health history and state of health;
- (d) the child's educational needs; and
- (e) where appropriate, the psychological report on the child and his emotional needs.

**10. (1) The supervising officer —**

- (a) shall receive all complaints, including complaints of sexual abuse or neglect of the child that may arise in the course of the placement from the foster home, the child, the biological parents or any other person; and
- (b) (i) shall forthwith conduct an enquiry into any such complaint; and  
(ii) may refer the child for specialised care, including a medical practitioner, dental surgeon or psychologist.

(2) All information gathered in the course of the enquiry shall be kept confidential.

(3) Where the enquiry or complaint reveals that the child is in imminent danger, the supervising officer shall —

- (a) take such steps as may be appropriate to forthwith remove the child; and
- (b) find an alternative placement.

(4) The supervising officer may, within 72 hours, apply to the Protection Division of the Children's Court for a variation of the order.

**11. (1) Every foster home shall forthwith inform the supervising officer of any material change in his personal circumstances.**

(2) The supervising officer may, depending on the material change in the personal circumstances of the foster home, suspend, vary or revoke the certificate of registration.

**12. (1) Any foster home may make an application, in writing, to the supervising officer for his registered foster home be temporarily or permanently, as the case may be, removed from the register.**

(2) The decision of the supervising officer shall be communicated to the applicant and the register shall be amended accordingly.

**13.** Where a certificate of registration is suspended, varied or cancelled, the supervising officer shall forthwith make an application to the Children's Court for —

- (a) the variation of the placement order; and
- (b) an alternative placement of the child.

**14.** Where a child is the subject of a series of emergency placements, he shall be placed, as far as is practicable, in the same foster home, provided that the emergency placements occur within a period not exceeding one year.

**15.** Where a child has been placed in a foster home pursuant to an interim placement order under section 37(2)(a) of the Act and no placement order is made under section 37 of the Act, the foster home shall return the child to the Children's Court at such time as the Children's Court may determine.

**16.** Where the supervising officer has made an application under section 37 or section 39 of the Act and is of the opinion that it is the best interests of the child to be placed in a foster home, he —

- (a) may make recommendations regarding the duration of the placement and the preferred registered foster home, taking into consideration the child's best interests and, in particular, the desirability of keeping siblings in the same foster home;
- (b) shall inform the Children's Court whether there is any relative of the child who is willing and capable to take charge of the child; and
- (c) shall ascertain that the preferred foster home is apprised of and agrees with the individual care plan in respect of the child.

**17.** (1) The supervising officer shall review every foster home at such regular intervals as he deems fit to ensure that the foster home and its household continue to suit the child's best interests.

(2) Where the supervising officer has reasonable grounds that the foster home does not comply with the Act and these regulations, he may suspend, vary or cancel the certificate of registration.

**18.** A placement may be terminated where —

- (a) it appears to the supervising officer that it is not in the child's best interests to remain in placement;
- (b) the child is adopted; and
- (c) the placement order lapses.

**19.** (1) The supervising officer may delegate any one of his powers under these regulations to an officer or authority who shall furnish a written report to the supervising officer every 6 months.

(2) The report referred to in paragraph (1) shall be communicated to the Committee.

**20.** (1) The supervising officer may delegate any of its powers to an officer or authority.

(2) The officer or authority under paragraph (1) shall, in respect of such powers as may be delegated to him or it and, at such intervals as the supervising officer may determine, submit a report, in writing, to the supervising officer.

**21.** Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence, and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 200,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.

**22.** These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 24 January 2022.

Made by the Minister on 28 January 2022.

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## **FIRST SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 2]

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct shall apply to every registered foster home. Any reference therein to a foster parent shall apply without any distinction to all family members in a foster home.

1. (1) A foster parent shall ensure that there is no discrimination in respect of the foster child within the household and among family members.

(2) The foster parent shall comply with such directives as the supervising officer may issue.

2. (1) Every foster parent shall, at all times, inform the supervising officer of any change of address, telephone or contact number of the child who is in placement.

(2) Any change under subparagraph (1) shall be communicated to the supervising officer not later than 3 working days after the change occurs. Such notification shall, as far as it is practicable, reach the supervising officer at least 8 days before its occurrence.

3. (1) The foster parent shall ensure that all services and duties as set out in Code of Conduct are, at all times, complied with.

(2) The services and duties under subparagraph (1) shall be in respect of living conditions, privacy, education and discipline, dietary requirement, leisure and entertainment, health and hygiene, safety and security, religious and cultural practices.

(3) The services and duties under subparagraph (1) shall include —

(a) the child's right to privacy as appropriate for his age;

(b) the child's right to education such as —

- (i) attending school and provision of such adequate facilities as may be appropriate for the age and any special needs of the child;
  - (ii) attending any specialised institution for children with special needs;
  - (iii) having regular contact with educators and other professionals;
  - (iv) as far as practicable, not transferring the child from one school to another;
  - (v) follow-up of homework and school report;
  - (vi) encourage participation in extra-curricular activities;
  - (vii) respect for religious and cultural identity; and
  - (viii) discipline given in a positive way, the child is not subjected to corporal punishment, immobilisation, force feeding, deprivations, humiliation or threats;
- (c) the child's access to health, safety and hygienic conditions such as —
- (i) the child must be properly fed, i.e a balanced diet, same standard in terms of quality and quantity of food as the rest of the family;
  - (ii) the availability of first aid kit in the house;
  - (iii) regular medical and dental check-ups and vaccinations;
  - (iv) access to hospital, clinic and doctors;
  - (v) In case of serious illness or main surgery, the supervising officer must be informed without delay;
  - (vi) treatment for children with special needs;
  - (vii) psychological follow-up, as and when required;
  - (viii) duty to inculcate minimum standards of personal hygiene inclusive of daily shower, brushing of teeth, nails trimming; as well as promoting adherence to sound protective healthy behavior; and
  - (ix) personal grooming.
- (d) the parent's duty to ensure, at all times, that safety rules prevail in the home and ensure, for example, that harmful equipment or toxic liquids are not accessible to children;

- (e) facilities extended to the child to have access to his own religion and cultural identity in respect of —
  - (i) being encouraged and supported to follow his own religion (degree of observance) and culture;
  - (ii) not attempting to change or influence the religious belief of the child; and
  - (iii) not attempting to change the name of the child.
- (f) the wish of the child to change religion and name must be referred to supervising officer.

**4.** No foster parent shall —

- (a) prevent an authorised officer from visiting a foster home;
- (b) prevent an authorised officer from interviewing a child in private.

**5.** The foster parent shall communicate to —

- (a) the child; and
- (b) the educational institution that the child attends,

the name, address and telephone number of the authorised officer.

**6.** The authorised officer shall monitor the child at his foster home or educational institution, on a regular basis, as from the date of his placement.

**7.** No child shall be required to —

- (a) babysitting;
- (b) perform unreasonable household duties such as
  - (i) cooking for the whole family;
  - (ii) cleaning of the house alone;
- (c) be without adult supervision.

**8.** (1) No child who has been placed in foster care shall be in gainful employment without the prior written consent of the supervising officer and, so far as is practicable, the biological parents.

(2) No child who is following an internship in the course of a professional or an industrial training shall be in gainful employment.

**9.** (1) The supervising officer and the foster parent shall allow the child's biological parents, siblings and relatives to have access to the child in placement unless there is a restraining order issued by the Court.

(2) Any access under subparagraph (1) shall be given in such manner as not to be disruptive to the child's emotional, social and educational balance.

(3) The foster parent shall ensure that the child has access to his friends and relations, taking into account the influence that such friends and relations may have on him.

**10.** Any finance, financial support, assistance, donation, grant and pension given by a relevant authority for the upkeep and maintenance of the child shall be used solely for the benefit of the child and be put to reasonable use by the foster parent.

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 4(3)]

### **APPLICATION FORM TO REGISTER AS A FOSTER HOME / FICHE D'APPLICATION POUR SE FAIRE ENREGISTRER COMME FAMILLE D'ACCUEIL**

1. Application forms duly filled in, should be submitted to the address below —  
  
Foster Care Division  
Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare  
Level 1, National Women Development Centre  
Royal Road  
Phoenix
  
2. Photocopies of the following documents to be submitted and originals to be produced along with the application forms —
  - (a) National Identity Card of applicant/s;
  - (b) birth certificate for applicant/s, spouse, children and/or any person staying with the family;
  - (c) marriage certificate;
  - (d) a certified copy of permanent decree of divorce;
  - (e) certificate of character for the applicant, applicant's spouse, children and/or any person staying with the family;
  - (f) proof of income;
  - (g) proof of ownership of property; and
  - (h) health certificate for applicant, applicant's spouse and children and any person staying with the family.

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1. *Les formulaires dûment remplis doivent être soumis à l'adresse ci-dessous -  
Département Famille d' Accueil  
Ministère de l' égalité des genres, et du bien-être de la famille  
1<sup>er</sup> étage, Centre National pour le Développement des Femmes*

Route Royale

Phoenix

2. Documents à produire (photocopies et originaux) —

- (a) carte d'identité nationale;
- (b) acte de naissance du demandeur, celui du conjoint, des enfants et d'autres membres de la famille;
- (c) l'acte de manage du demandeur;
- (d) une copie certifiée conforme du jugement prononçant divorce s'il y a lieu;
- (e) le certificat de moralité du demandeur, celui du conjoint, et ceux des enfants majeurs, et d'autres membres de la famille;
- (f) la preuve de revenu y compris le salaire;
- (g) titre de propriété ou le bail de la propriété; et
- (h) l'attestation de santé du demandeur, celui du conjoint, ceux des enfants et d'autres membres de la famille.

**PART I**

1. Name of applicant/*Nom du demandeur*.....

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Maiden Name( if applicable)/ *Nom de jeune fille (si applicable)*.....

- (a) Where spouses are applying jointly, please specify names of both applicants. *Si les époux font une demande conjointe, les noms des deux demandeurs devrait être mentionnés ci-dessous*
- (b) Where a married person is applying individually, particulars of the other spouse shall be given at Part IV / *Si un époux fait une demande individuelle, les renseignements sur l'ordre conjoint devraient être donnés dans la partie IV ci-dessous*

2. *Address / Adresse* .....  
(Please specify capacity in which occupying single ownership/ jointly owned / usufructuary / leased / *Veillez préciser si le domicile vous appartient / propriété conjointe / usufruit / à bail*)

3. Monthly expenses incurred with respect to *housing / Dépenses liées au logement* (*préciser le montant mensuel* (please state monthly amount)

Rs .....

(a) Loan / *Emprunt*

(b) Monthly rent/ *Location mensuelle*

4. Other expenses/*Autres dépenses* (*Please give details/Veuillez spécifier*)

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5. Phone no./ *Numéro de téléphone* —

(a) home/*residence*

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(b) office/*bureau*

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(c) mobile/*cellulaire*

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**6.** Email address/*Adresse email*

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**7.** Date of birth/*Date de naissance*

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**8.** Marital status/*Situation familiale*

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**9.** Occupation/*Profession*

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**10.** Education/*Niveau d'éducation*

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**11.** Employed/*Employeur*

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**12.** Gross monthly salary/*Salaire mensuel*

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**13.** Other income/*Autre source de revenu*

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**14. Health status/*Etat de santé***

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**15. Disability (if any)/*Signalez toute forme de handicap***

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**16. Current medical treatment/*Traitement médical actuel***

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**17. Past medical treatment/*Traitement medicale anterieur***

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**18. Previous conviction if any/*Condamnation antérieure s'il y en a eu***

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**19. Jurisdiction/*Tribunal de condamnation***

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**20. Date/*Date***

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**21. Type of offence/*Type d'offense***

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**PART II**

1. Dependents — (including legitimate, natural, adopted; and/or unacknowledged children and/or stepchildren living under the same roof / *Personnes à votre charge (incluant l'enfant légitime, naturel, adopté, non déclaré et beaux- fils, belles- filles habitant sous le même toit*

Name/ <i>Nom</i>	Relation to Applicant / <i>Lien de parenté avec le demandeur</i>	Age/ <i>Age</i>	Education/ <i>Education</i>	Occupation/ <i>Profession</i>

2. (1) No. of children of applicant adopted/placed in foster care/ *nombre d'enfants, du demandeur, adoptés ou places en famille d'accueil .....*

(2) Please give reason in respect of subparagraph (1)/ *veuillez specifier la raison par rapport au sous-paragraphe (1).....*

3. Other household occupiers / *D 'autres personnes habitant avec la famille.....*

**PART III**

1. Reason for *fostering!* *Motivation pour devenir famille d'accueil*

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2. Foster child preference/*Préférence pour l'enfant à être accueilli* —
- (a) age range/*Tranche d'âge* .....
  - (b) Gender/*Sexe*.....

**PART IV**

**INFORMATION RELATING TO SPOUSE/PARTNER**  
***INFORMATIONS PAR RAPPORT AU***  
***CONJOINT/PARTENAIRE***

1. Name of spouse/partner/*Nom du conjoint/partenaire* .....

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2. Maiden Name (if applicable)/*Nom de jeune fille (si applicable)*.....

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3. Address/*Adresse* .....

(Please specify capacity in which occupying: single ownership/Jointly owned/usufructuary/leased)

*(Veuillez préciser si le domicile vous appartient/propriété conjointe/ usufruit/ à bail) (living separately/vivre séparément) (if living separately).*

4. Phone No. Office/*Numéro de téléphone Bureau*

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5. Mobile/ *Cellulaire*

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6. Email Address/*Adresse e-mail*

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7. Date of Birth/*Date de naissance*

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8. Marital Status/*Situation familiale*

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9. Current/*Présente*

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10. Previous/*Passée*

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11. Occupation/*Profession*

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12. Education/*Niveau d'éducation*

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13. Employer/*Employeur*

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14. Gross monthly salary/*Salaires Mensuel*

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15. Other income/*Autre source de revenus*

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**16. Health status/*Etat de santé***

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**17. Disability (if any)/ *Signaler toute forme d'handicap***

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**18. Current medical treatment/*Traitement médical actuel***

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**19. Past medical treatment/*Traitement médical antérieur***

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**20. Previous conviction if any/*Condamnation antérieure s'il y en a eu***

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**21. Jurisdiction/*Tribunal de condamnation***

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**22. Date/*Date***

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**23. Type of offence/*Type d'offense***

**PART V**

\*Dependents if living separately (including legitimate, natural, adopted or unacknowledged children or stepchildren/\*Personnes à votre charge (*incluant légitime, naturel, adopté, non declare et beaux-fils, belles-fille(s) habitant pas sous le même toit*).

Name/Nom	Relation to Applicant / Lien de parenté avec le demandeur	Age/Age	Education/Education	Occupation/ Profession

Any other information which you may wish to supply/ *D'autres informations additionnelles que vous souhaitez fournir* .....

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**PART VI**

I,.....  
 hereby certify that all information provided is true and factually correct.

I/We hereby certify that I/We have never been found guilty of any act of domestic violence/police case nor have I/We been deprived partly or totally of my/our parental authority over any of my/our children/ *Je déclare/nous déclarons que les informations ci-dessus sont vraies au moment de la déclaration. J'atteste/nous attestons n'avoir jamais été trouvé(e)(s)*

*coupable(s) de violence domestique ou toute autre forme de violence, nejamais avoir eu des démêlés avec la justice et ne jamais avoir été privé partiellement ou totalement de mon/notre autorisée parentale à l'égard de n'importe lequel de mes/nos enfants.*

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Name/*Nom*

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Signature

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Date

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Name/*Nom*

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Signature

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Date

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**THIRD SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 4(6)]

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS FOSTER HOME**

**Certificate issued under regulation 4(6) of the  
Child (Foster Care) Regulations 2022**

**Certificate No .....**

Mr/Mrs/Miss\* .....

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residing at.....

has/have\* this day been granted registration as a Foster Home for a period of two years in accordance with the Child (Foster Care) Regulations 2022.

**The Certificate is valid for a period two years.**

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**Supervising Officer**

**Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare**

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**Date**

*\*Delete as appropriate*

\*IMPORTANT — All the above mentioned documents should be submitted in originals together with one photocopy of each of the documents (certificate of character, medical certificate, academic qualifications, professional qualifications, testimonial of previous work experiences and National Identity Card)

*\*Tous les documents mentionnés ci-dessus doivent être soumis en originaux avec une copie de chaque document suivant (Certificat de moralité, Certificat médical, les Certificats académiques, Qualifications professionnels, Attestation des expériences acquises et la Carte d'identité nationale.*

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date of receipt of documents: .....

Documents verified on: .....

Name of Officer:.....

Grade: .....

Signature of Officer:.....

Date: .....

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**FOURTH SCHEDULE**  
[Regulations 4(8) and 6(4)]

**APPEAL FORM**

Name of appellant.....

Other Name.....

Maiden Name(if applicable) .....

National Identity Card No.....

Address.....

Email address.....

Telephone no. ....Mobile No. ....

Date of application of Registration .....

Date of refusal/suspension/variation/revocation .....

(\*delete as appropriate)

Purpose of appeal

Registration not granted\*

Suspension of Registration\*

Variation of Registration\*

Revocation of Registration\*

(\*tick as appropriate)

Grounds of appeal .....

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Documents, if any, submitted .....

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Signature

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Date

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**FIFTH SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 5(3)]

**RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS  
FOSTER HOME**

**Issued Certificate under regulation 5(3) of the Child  
(Foster Care) Regulations 2022**

The Certificate of Registration of Mr/Mrs/Miss\* .....  
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residing at.....

has/have\* this day been granted/ for a further period of three years in accordance with the  
Child (Foster Care) Regulations 2022.

**The certificate is valid until** .....

**Certificate No**.....

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**Supervising Officer**

**Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare**

**Date:**.....

*\*Delete as appropriate*

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**SIXTH SCHEDULE**  
[Regulation 7(2)]  
**FILE OF FOSTER CHILD**

The file of the child shall, inter alia, include —

- (a) the child's name, gender and date of birth;
- (b) the child's residential address;
- (c) the child's contact details, phone number, email address if any
- (d) the name and addresses of the child's biological parents, grandparents and, where possible, siblings and relations;
- (e) a medical and social history of the child;
- (f) the reasons for the placement of the child;
- (g) reports of visits made to the child by the authorised visitor;
- (h) any Court Order made in respect of the child;
- (i) a copy of the foster care agreement between the supervising officer and the foster home; and
- (j) a copy of the registration certificate of the foster care family.

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