Checklist for assessing parental linkage between a child and an Australian citizen or permanent resident

This checklist must be completed and submitted with the completed <u>Temporary Residents application form</u>. This checklist supports the <u>Guidelines for assessing parental linkage between a child and an Australian citizen or permanent resident</u> issued by Department of Education International (DEi).

In this checklist, 'applicant' refers to the person who:

- completes the Temporary Residents application form; and
- is the parent or the person who exercises parental responsibility for the child;
 and
- is an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

The applicant must complete this checklist by ticking the relevant boxes and providing the required documents as evidence to support the applicant's <u>Temporary Residents</u> <u>application form</u>.

An applicant must provide one of the following documents as evidence that the applicant is the mother or father of the child:				
	Where the person is the child's biological mother or father			
	Child's birth certificate			
	Where the person adopted the child in Australia or New Zealand			
	Adoption order or record of adoption for the child			
	Where person adopted the child from a country which is party to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption			
	An order or record granting the adoption, and			
	An adoption compliance certificate that is in force for the adoption.			

Where an applicant is not the parent but is exercising parental responsibility for the child, the applicant must complete a statutory declaration and must provide all the following details in the statutory declaration:

1. the person's relationship to the child
2. how the child came to be in the person's care
3. how long the person expects the child to be in their care
4. how long the child has been in the care of the non-biological parent



- **5.** the biological parents' situation (where they are and why they aren't looking after their child)
- **6.** parental duties that the person undertakes for the child (for example, housing, schooling, feeding, financial provision, medical decisions, day-to-day decision making)
- **7.** any benefits or other supports that the person receives to care for the child (for example, Centrelink payments)
- **8.** that the person understands their obligations as a parent to ensure that the child is enrolled at and attends school, pursuant to section 176 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 200*6
- **9.** any other information that supports the person's exercise of parental responsibility for the child.

Where there is a court order recognising that an applicant is exercising parental responsibility for the child the following evidence must be provided:		
	Court order issued by a Federal or State court in Australia, stating that the person is exercising parental responsibility for the child.	

An applicant must provide <u>one</u> of the following documents as evidence that the applicant is an Australian citizen or permanent resident:			
	Full birth certificate issued by an Australian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages showing Australian citizenship		
	Current Australian passport		
	Australian citizenship certificate		
	Extract from the Register of Australian Births Abroad		
	Citizenship by Descent extract		
	Adoption in Accordance with the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption or bilateral agreement extract		
	Current Australian permanent resident visa		
	Other evidence of Australian citizenship or permanent residence.		



If not previously provided as evidence the applicants and the child must each provide <u>one</u> of the following documents as evidence of their identity:				
	Current Australian drivers licence or Adult proof of age card or passport (Australian citizen or permanent resident)			
	Copy of the mother or father's current passport title page (translated into English by a certified translator)			
	Copy of the child's current passport title page (translated into English by a certified translator)			
Additional evidence can be provided and may be requested by DEi to assist and support the assessment of your application.				
	Evidence that the child has a valid application lodged for a permanent resident visa with the Department of Home Affairs			
	Where the applicant is in a de facto relationship with the child's biological parent			
	 evidence that the child's application for a permanent residence visa with the Department of Home Affairs is under the family stream of the migration program 			

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•	evidence to support a long term relationship with the biologic	al parent
Whe	re the applicant is married to the child's biological parent	
•	a copy of the marriage certificate.	
Whe	re the applicant exercises parental responsibility for the child.	
•	correspondence and/or cards from government agencies Centrelink or Medicare	, such as
•	any other supporting documents	
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