

REFERENCE FOR CAREGIVING AND ADOPTION



Dear: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

This reference is used by Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children to EITHER assess a person’s application to be a caregiver or adoptive parent OR to assess their suitability as a household member or someone with connections to the residence of the applicant/s. They have given your name as a person who knows them well, and who could provide a reference for them.

The decision to care for tamariki/children not born to you requires considerable responsibility on the part of all concerned. Families face issues and challenges that are additional to the usual parenting tasks encountered when tamariki/children are born into a family. Tamariki/children who are adopted or are in care have experienced a break in the relationship with their original family, which may have lifelong consequences.

While caregiving or adoptive parents are not expected to be ‘super’ or ‘perfect’ parents, they must have abilities and resources that will enable them to provide children with a safe, stable and loving environment.

This reference will be used as part of the assessment of their suitability to care for tamariki/children. Under the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993, this reference may also be available to the applicants or others undergoing suitability checking.

Please give careful consideration to your responses to the questions that follow. A social worker will contact you after your reference has been received to discuss your responses.

If you feel that you do not know this person or their household well enough to complete this form, or you wish to discuss the matter further before completing this form, please contact me on my direct dial number:

Yours sincerely

Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children



Referee name: _____

Referee signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact details:

Email: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Other phone: _____

Please return completed form to:

Thank you for providing your reference.