

# Recognised care questionnaire 2026

## Notes to help with this form

- If you are a parent and have care of your child for at least 103 nights a year we will take this care into account when we work out your child support
- To help you work out how many nights a child is in your care in a year you can use our online child support nights per year calculator
- More information about recognised care can be found on [ird.govt.nz/childsupport](http://ird.govt.nz/childsupport) or in our guide **Helping you to understand recognised care – IR156**.

**1** Your name (Tick one)  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First name(s)

Surname

Your IRD number

(8 digit numbers start in the second box. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 )

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Your contact phone number(s)

( ) Day

( ) Evening

( ) Mobile

Email

## Child details

If you have a parenting order or care arrangement for a child, attach it to this form.

**2** First child

First name(s)

Surname

IRD number (if known)

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Date of birth

Day	Month	Year					

**Tell us the number of nights the child is in your care and complete the calendars on pages 5 and 6.**

**If nights are not a good reflection of the care you provide, use the space in Question 6 to tell us what is happening.**

Number of nights

How often? (Tick one)

Weekly

Fortnightly

Monthly

Yearly

## Provide information about the other person who cares for this child

Other carer (Tick one)  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First name(s)

Surname

Contact phone numbers

( ) Day

( ) Evening

( ) Mobile

Email

Date care arrangement started

Day	Month	Year					

**3** Second child

First name(s)  Surname

IRD number (if known)

Date of birth

Day  Month  Year

**Tell us the number of nights the child is in your care and complete the calendars on pages 5 and 6.  
If nights are not a good reflection of the care you provide, use the space in Question 6 to tell us what is happening.**

Number of nights

How often? (Tick one)  Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly  Yearly

**Provide information about the other person who cares for this child**

Other carer (Tick one)  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First name(s)

Surname

Contact phone numbers

Day  Evening  Mobile

Email

Date care arrangement started

Day  Month  Year

**4** Third child

First name(s)  Surname

IRD number (if known)

Date of birth

Day  Month  Year

**Tell us the number of nights the child is in your care and complete the calendars on pages 5 and 6.  
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Number of nights

How often? (Tick one)  Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly  Yearly

**Provide information about the other person who cares for this child**

Other carer (Tick one)  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First name(s)

Surname

Contact phone numbers

Day  Evening  Mobile

Email

Date care arrangement started

Day  Month  Year

**5** If there is any other person who regularly provides care for the child/children you have mentioned in this form, use the space below to provide information about what these care arrangements are.

**6 Care Information**

The number of nights a person cares for a child is generally the best measure of the care they provide, however in some cases this may not be a good reflection. For example, you have daytime care of a child but no overnight care because you work at night.

Use the space below to tell us what your care arrangements are:

- If using the nights of care is not a good reflection of the care you provide for a child
- If the child has a parenting order or care agreement and it is not being followed.

## Applicant checklist

Have you:

- answered all the questions on pages 1 to 3?
- completed both calendars on pages 5 and 6?

## Privacy

Meeting your tax obligations means giving us accurate information so we can assess your tax and entitlements under the Acts we administer. We may charge penalties if you do not.

We may also exchange information about you with:

- some government agencies
- another country, if we have an information supply agreement with them, and
- Statistics New Zealand (for statistical purposes only).

You can ask for the personal information we hold about you. We will give the information to you and correct any errors, unless we have a lawful reason not to. Find our full privacy policy at [ird.govt.nz/privacy](http://ird.govt.nz/privacy)

## Declaration

I declare that the information I have given in this questionnaire and on any attached calendar(s) is a true and accurate account of the care that I provide for each child. I have read the privacy statement; I am also aware that the other parent or carer(s) may request details of the information I have provided.

Signature

/ /

Date

**Send this completed form to: Child Support, PO Box 39010, Wellington Mail Centre, Lower Hutt 5045**

**Care arrangement details:**

- use our online calculator to help work out the number of nights you have a child in your care in a 12 month period. This can be found on our website [ird.govt.nz/childsupport](http://ird.govt.nz/childsupport)
- if you prefer you can complete the calendars below. Circle the nights you have or will provide care for the child/children over the next 12 month period. For example, if your care arrangement started on 1 April 2025, complete the calendars through to at least 31 March 2026.
- if the care arrangement is different for each child, you need to complete a separate calendar for each care arrangement.
- if you need another calendar, copy this page.

**Completed by:** (Your name)

**For:** (Name of child/children)

Date care arrangement started

Date care arrangement stopped/ will stop

Day    Month    Year

**Calendar – 2026 Child support nights per year (February 2025 - January 2026)**

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King's Birthday	2 Jun	Day after New Year's Day	2 Jan
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		Canterbury (South)	22 Sep
		Canterbury	14 Nov
		Chatham Islands	1 Dec
		Hawke's Bay	24 Oct
		Marlborough	3 Nov
		Nelson (2025)	3 Feb
		Otago	24 Mar
		Southland	22 Apr
		Taranaki	10 Mar
		Wellington (2026)	19 Jan
		Westland	1 Dec



**Completed by:** (Your name)

**For:** (Name of child/children)

Date care arrangement started

Date care arrangement stopped/ will stop

Day      Month      Year

### Calendar – 2027 Child support nights per year (February 2026 - January 2027)

February 2026							March 2026							April 2026						
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