Informal Relative Caregiver's Statutory Declaration

Government of South Australia

Date of issue: _____
(Date Declaration was made)

I,

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(name, address and occupation of person making this Declaration)

Do solemnly and sincerely Declare that

1. I have primary day-to-day responsibility for the care of the child/ren:

	Full name of child/ren	Date of birth	Relationship of child to me *(eg: grandchild, niece, nephew, sibling)*
i			
ii			
iii			
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v			

2. The abovementioned child/ren ordinarily reside with me.

3. I share the day-to-day responsibility for the care of the child/ren with the following persons:

	Name of person	Date of birth	Relationship to child *(eg: parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, sibling)*
i			
ii			
iii			

4. The following persons retain legal custody or legal guardianship of the child:
(the Statutory Declaration should not be used where a child is under the guardianship of a Minister of the State or the Commonwealth)

	Name of person	Contact details	Relationship to child/ren *(eg: mother, father)*
i			
ii			
iii			

5. ☐ I have advised the person(s) named in paragraph 4 of my intention to authorise care-giving related services.

   or

   ☐ I have not advised the person(s) named in paragraph 4 of my intention to authorise care-giving related services for the following reasons:

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   _____

   _____

6. I attach to this Statutory Declaration a certified copy of my:

   ☐ Driver's Licence (Number _____)

   ☐ Passport (Number _____)

   ☐ Other photographic identification, namely _____

   (Number _____)

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1936 (SA).

Signed by the said _____
(name of declarant)

_____
(signature of declarant)

Declared at _____
(place)

on _____
(date)

Before me _____
(signature)

_____
(print name)

_____
(identification number-if applicable)

(Justice of the Peace or Proclaimed Member of the Police Force or Notary Public or any Officer by law authorised to administer an oath or affirmation)

Making a false Declaration, knowing it to be untrue may be an offence that carries a maximum penalty of four years imprisonment.

Note to person before whom this Declaration is made:
By virtue of section 6 of this Statutory Declaration, a certified copy of the identification referred to in that section must be attached to this Declaration at the time it is made. Please ensure that the copy is certified by you prior to taking the Declaration.

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Frequently Asked Questions about the 'Informal Relative Caregiver's Statutory Declaration'

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What is the Informal Relative Caregiver's Statutory Declaration?

The Informal Relative Caregiver's Statutory Declaration (the Declaration) is a written statement made in the presence of an authorised witness that states that you are informally providing full time care to a relative's child or young person.

The Declaration can be used as evidence to establish your care-giving status. This will assist to enrol the child in school and work with the child's school to support the child's learning, gain consent to medical and dental treatment and access to other State Government supports and services.

Will completing an Informal Relative Caregiver's Statutory Declaration help me to be recognised as a carer by State Government agencies?

Yes. Completing the Declaration is a way to identify your care-giving status to State Government agencies.

Who can make the Declaration?

The Declaration may be made by the following relatives who have full time care of a child:

- immediate adult family members;
- all persons related to the child by blood or marriage;
- any person held to be related to the child according to Aboriginal kinship rules, or Torres Strait Islander kinship rules.

If you do not fall into one of these categories, you may not make the Declaration. However, this does not affect your ability to demonstrate your care-giving status by way of a privately drafted Declaration or in some other manner.

Does the Declaration affect the parents' or legal guardians' rights?

No. The Declaration will not limit the legal rights of the birth parents or legal guardians.

Do I need to tell the child's parents or legal guardians about my intention to complete the Declaration?

Where possible it is recommended that the child's parents or legal guardians be informed that a Declaration has been completed. If this is not possible, you can still complete the Declaration. There is provision under section 5 of the Declaration to record the reasons why you have not advised the child's parents or legal guardians of your intention to complete the Declaration.

Does completing the Declaration mean that I have legal custody of the child in my care?

No. The Declaration provides a consistent means to identify your care-giving role. The Declaration does not have any affect on legal custody of the child and does not affect the legal rights of the parents or legal guardians.

Who should I show the Declaration to?

You may show a copy of the Declaration to any person or organisation that requires you to provide evidence of your care-giving status. This may include:

- Local school/Kindergarten
- Health care provider
- Dental provider

Keep your original Declaration in a safe place. Some service providers may request to see the original Declaration and retain a copy for their records.

It is a good idea to keep a list of agencies/ individuals to whom you have provided a copy of the Declaration

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What if the child stops living with me?

If the child stops living with you, the Declaration is no longer valid.

How long is the Declaration valid for?

The Declaration is valid for six months. If the child is still living with you after the six month period, you will need to complete another Declaration.

Can I still complete the Declaration if I do not have any photographic identification?

You can still complete the Declaration if you do not have any photographic identification. However, you will need to attach to the Declaration a photograph of yourself and a copy of your Medicare Card.

Photographs must be the same quality as required for obtaining a passport and must not be no more than six months old. The photograph needs to be signed on the back "This is a true photo of (insert full name)" by someone you have known for at least 12 months, who is an Australian citizen, is over 18 years of age and is not related to you.

Question 6 on the Statutory Declaration should be mark 'other photographic identification' and write that photographic identification is not available but attached is a photograph of yourself and a copy of your Medicare Card.

What should I do if a service provider asks for additional proof that I am the relative with day-to-day responsibility for the child?

It may be necessary for you to provide additional information that supports your claim that you have day-to-day responsibility for the child. This may include:

- A letter from the child's school, social worker or other professional who has a relationship with your child
- Proof that the child lives with you.

What should I do if a service provider asks for additional proof of my identity?

It may be necessary for you to provide additional proof of your identity. This may include:

- Your passport
- A current driver's licence.

If you do have photographic identification speak to the service provider to determine other alternatives.

Who can witness the Declaration?

The Declaration may be authorised by a Justice of the Peace, a Proclaimed Member of the Police Force, Notary Public or any Officer by law authorised to administer an oath or affirmation.

Is there a penalty for making a false Declaration?

Yes. If you wilfully make a false Declaration, knowing it to be untrue, you will have committed an offence that carries a maximum penalty of four years imprisonment.

Where can I get more information?

If you require more information about whether the service provider will accept the Declaration, contact the individual service provider in the first instance.

Where can I get a copy?

The Declaration is available from the Grandcarers SA Inc website, come into our office at 30 Pitt Street Adelaide SA 5000 or call on (08) 8212 1937.

Where can I go to get assistance in filling out the Declaration?

Assistance in filling in the Declaration can be obtained from a variety of places including the State Government agencies that provide the services and community organisations that have programs for grandparents.
Including -

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T - 08 8212 1937
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