

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 183 of the Children Act, 2020 the Cabinet Secretary makes the following Regulations:

The Children (Foster Care Placement) Regulations, 2020

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	PART I - PRELIMINARY
Citation and Commencement	1. These Regulations may be cited as The Children (Foster Care Placement) Regulations, 2020 and shall come into force on such date as the Cabinet Secretary may, by notice in the Gazette, appoint.
Interpretation	<p>2. In these Regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act has the meaning so assigned to it, and unless the context otherwise requires –</p> <p>“ Act” means the Children Act, 2020;</p> <p>“authorised officer” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act;</p> <p>“applicant” means a person who applies for registration as a foster parent pursuant to section 175 (1) of the Act;</p> <p>“basic education” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Basic Education Act;</p> <p>“Cabinet Secretary” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act;</p> <p>“child “ has the meaning assigned to it under Article 260 of the Constitution;</p> <p>“Court” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act.</p> <p>“Director” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act;</p>

	<p>“foster care placement” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act;</p> <p>“foster family” means all the individuals living in a home other than the child placed in foster care in accordance with Part XI of the Act and these Regulations;</p> <p>“foster parent” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act;</p> <p>“home” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act;</p> <p>“Register” means the register of foster care placements maintained by the Director pursuant to section 179 (3) of the Act;</p> <p>“Rules” means the Children (Foster Care Placement) Rules made under the Act;</p>
<p>Overriding Principles</p>	<p>3. Foster care placement of children shall be governed by the following general principles–</p> <p>(a) the best interests of the child shall be of paramount consideration;</p> <p>(b) preference shall be given to place children in foster care with Kenyan citizens and with due regard to the principle of placement of the child in their own social-cultural environment;</p>

	<p>(c) the safety and adequacy of the home for the care of the children;</p> <p>(d) the personal characteristics and social relationships of the foster parent and other members of their household;</p> <p>(e) the commitment to foster care, and the ability and willingness of the foster family to co-operate in support of the child;</p> <p>(f) the ability of the foster family to provide positive and constructive experiences to all children in their care; and</p> <p>(g) the foster care placement arrangements shall be confidential.</p>
	<p>PART II – APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A FOSTER PARENT</p>
<p>Form of Application</p>	<p>4. (1) A person wishing to register as a foster parent shall complete an application in Form No. FC1 set out in the Schedule and submit it to the Director either directly or through the manager of a charitable children institution, who shall forward the application to the Director.</p> <p>(2) An application under sub-regulation (1) shall be accompanied by –</p> <p>(a) a passport-size photograph of the applicant;</p>

	<p>(b) a copy of the applicant’s national identity card or identification pages of their passport;</p> <p>(c) a report of the applicant’s medical status issued by a registered medical practitioner not more than three months prior to the date of application;</p> <p>(d) the names and contact information of at least two independent referees; and</p> <p>(e) a valid Police Clearance Certificate of the applicant, and of every member of the applicant’s household who is above the age of eighteen years, issued by the Director of Criminal Investigation.</p> <p>(3) Where the applicant is married, their application shall be made jointly with their spouse, whereupon sub-regulation (2) shall apply with necessary modifications.</p> <p>(4) For the purposes of sub-regulation (2) (d), an applicant’s spouse shall not be a referee to their application.</p>
<p>Assessment of Application</p>	<p>5. (1) On receipt of the application submitted under regulation 4, the Director shall conduct an investigation and prepare a written report in Form No. FC2 set out in the Schedule, on the applicant’s suitability to be a foster parent, and the suitability of the applicant’s home to receive a child for foster care.</p> <p>(2) On conducting the investigations pursuant to sub-regulation (1), the Director shall –</p>

(a) interview the applicant and assess whether –

(i) the applicant is a suitable person to foster a child; and

(ii) the applicant has sufficient income to support their family, exclusive of foster children, without reliance on any contribution under a maintenance agreement or court order.

(b) satisfy themselves that the applicant exhibits –

(i) healthy patterns of social and interpersonal relationships;

(ii) knowledge of child development and the needs of children;

(iii) ability to administer discipline in a constructive and educational manner;

(iv) realistic expectations regarding the behaviour of foster children;

(v) sound judgment;

(vi) current freedom from substance abuse, and effective resolution of any past abuse of alcohol or other substances;

(vii) responsible care and planning for their children, including children who are not in the applicant's custody; and

(viii) stable emotional adjustments following any major changes in close interpersonal relationships or other life circumstances.

(c) visit and assess the applicant's home to confirm whether the home is likely to meet the requirements of a child, and that the conditions in it are satisfactory, taking account of the matters specified in sub-regulation (3);

(d) verify the authenticity of the written references, if any, given by two persons who know the applicant well and have vouched for his or her good character and suitability to care for a child;

(e) assess the applicant's skills, training and competence relevant to their capacity to care for a child placed with them; and

(f) carry out any other investigations that the Director considers necessary.

(3). When conducting the home assessment pursuant to sub-regulation (2) (b), the Director shall take into account –

(a) the common living areas of the home;

(b) the proposed sleeping area for a foster child;

	<p>(c) the grounds surrounding the home;</p> <p>(d) the play space used by the children in the proposed foster home; and</p> <p>(e) take note of the recreational areas within walking distance of the proposed foster home.</p>
Director May Approve or Refuse Registration	<p>6. (1) If, after such inquiry as the Director considers necessary, the Director is satisfied as to the character and fitness of the applicant and of the premises to be used by the applicant as the foster home, the Director shall –</p> <p>(a) notify the applicant in writing of the Director’s approval of registration; and</p> <p>(b) place the applicant’s name and address on the register of approved foster parents.</p> <p>(2) Where the registration is declined, the Director shall notify the applicant in writing of the decision in that regard, giving reasons therefor.</p>
Foster Parent to Furnish Undertaking	<p>7. (1) A person registered as a foster parent under this Part shall furnish an undertaking containing the particulars contained in Form No. FC3 set out in the Schedule.</p> <p>(2) On the foster parent furnishing the director with an undertaking in accordance with sub-regulation (1), the Director shall issue the foster parent with a certificate of</p>

	<p>registration in Form No. FC4 set out in the Schedule, which shall be valid only in respect of the person or persons named on the certificate and the premises for which the certificate was issued.</p> <p>(3) The certificate of registration issued under sub-regulation (2) shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of issue, whereupon the registration shall lapse:</p> <p>Provided that where an application for the renewal of a certificate of registration is made prior to the expiry of the current certificate, the current certificate shall continue in force until a decision on the application for renewal is made. The Director shall not place a child in foster care with a foster parent whose certificate of registration has lapsed, or whose application for renewal is pending determination.</p>
Procedure on Application for Renewal of Registration	<p>8. (1) An application for renewal of registration shall be made in accordance with regulation 4, whereupon regulation 5 shall apply.</p> <p>(2) Where an application for renewal of registration is made, the Director shall re-assess the foster home to review compliance with these Regulations and evaluate how well the needs of children (if any) in the care of the foster parent have been met.</p>
Suspension and Revocation of Certificate	<p>9. (1) The Director may suspend a certificate of registration of a foster parent if a situation exists in the foster home which immediately imperils the health, safety, or well-being of a child in foster care.</p>

(2) The Director may at any time revoke a certificate of registration if –

(a) an unusual stressful situation exists in the foster home which affects the appropriate care of the foster child, and such situations include, but are not limited to, divorce, separation, death, unemployment, serious illness or injury, or an entry of a new member into the household; or

(b) the foster parent or other member of the household –

(i) has been charged with or convicted of a criminal offence;

(ii) has current, unresolved problem with alcohol or other intoxicating substances; or

(iii) has abused or neglected a child.

(3) Where a certificate of registration has been suspended or revoked under this regulation, the Director shall notify the foster parent in writing specifying reasons for such suspension or revocation, as the case may be.

(4) Upon notification in accordance with sub-regulation (3), the Director shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the removal of any foster child residing in the foster home concerned, whereupon the Director shall, within two days of such removal –

(a) notify the parent or guardian of the child;

	<p>(b) advise the parent or guardian of the child of their right to resume custody of the child; or</p> <p>(c) where the child has no known parent or guardian, treat the child as a child in need of care and protection, whereupon the Children (Care and Protection) Regulations shall apply.</p>
	PART III – PLACEMENT OF A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE
Director to Maintain a Case Record	<p>10. The Director shall keep and maintain a case record for each child placed or to be placed in foster care, which shall include –</p> <p>(a) full name of the foster child, sex and date of birth;</p> <p>(b) the name, address and telephone number of the person or organisation by whom the child is given for foster care placement;</p> <p>(c) the reason for the child’s placement in foster care;</p> <p>(d) any personal, family and social history or assessment that has been prepared or provided regarding the child;</p> <p>(e) a cumulative record of reports of medical, dental examinations and treatment given to the child;</p>

	<p>(f) where available, any legal document relating to the child, including a provisional child care order or wardship order given under section 137 (1) of the Act;</p> <p>(g) where applicable, the child’s school records and reports; and</p> <p>(h) any other information that the Director considers appropriate.</p>
<p>Assessment of a Child in Certain Circumstances</p>	<p>11. Where the Director places a child in foster care otherwise than under an order of the Court, the Director shall ensure that –</p> <p>(a) a preliminary assessment is first made of the child setting out –</p> <p>(i) the immediate needs of the child;</p> <p>(ii) where it can be determined in the circumstances, whether the child is likely to be returned home;</p> <p>(iii) the child’s legal status, including whether the child has been abandoned or is otherwise in need of care and protection within the meaning of section 146 of the Act; and</p> <p>(iv) any other information that, in the opinion of the Director, is relevant to the immediate provision of foster care to the child; and</p>

	<p>(b) the immediate objectives of the provisions of foster care are determined, taking into account the developmental, emotional, social, medical and educational needs of the child.</p>
<p>Conditions for Placement</p>	<p>12. (1) The Director shall not place a child in foster care unless –</p> <p>(a) the Director has approved the foster parent or parents under regulation 6 (1);</p> <p>(b) the Director is satisfied that, on assessment under regulation 5 (1), the foster parent and foster home are suitable to receive a child for the purposes of providing foster care; and</p> <p>(c) the Director has disclosed to the foster parent all information known to the Director that is relevant to the care of the child.</p> <p>(2) When placing a child in foster care, the Director shall –</p> <p>(a) arrange for a person known to the child or, if the placing organisation or a person designated by the placing organisation approves another person, that person, to accompany the child to the foster home on the date on which the child is placed in the foster home; and</p> <p>(b) ensure that the foster parent receives, in writing at the time of the placement, information about the child’s health and medical history necessary for the care of the child, including specification of any medical disorder, disability, special needs, allergies or limitations on activity.</p>

Terms of Agreement for Foster Care	<p>13. (1) Where a child is to be placed into the care of a foster parent, the foster parent shall, if the Director so requires, enter into and execute a written agreement pursuant to section 180 of the Act for the maintenance of the child.</p> <p>(2) The agreement referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall, in all respects, be legally binding on the parties thereto.</p> <p>(3) The agreement for the maintenance of a foster child entered into under this regulation shall include –</p> <p>(a) the terms and conditions on which the foster parent was approved;</p> <p>(b) the express duties of the foster parent;</p> <p>(c) the duties of the parent or guardian of the child;</p> <p>(d) provisions for the allowance for the maintenance of the foster child, including –</p> <p>(i) the basis for determining the amount of payment to the foster parent;</p> <p>(ii) the method and frequency of payment to the foster parent; and</p>

	<p>(iii) the basis for determining the reimbursable expenditures incurred by the foster parent;</p> <p>(e) the circumstances on which the agreement may be reviewed or terminated; and</p> <p>(f) such other matters as the Director considers necessary.</p>
<p>Duty to Keep and Maintain Foster Care Register</p>	<p>14. (1) The Register kept and maintained by a registered Charitable Children Institution pursuant to section 179 (2) of the Act shall contain the following particulars with respect to each child, namely –</p> <p>(a) the name, sex and date of birth of the child;</p> <p>(b) where applicable, the fact that the child has been placed in foster care on short-term basis, or for a period exceeding three years, pursuant to section 173 (1) of the Act;</p> <p>(c) the name, address and telephone number of the person or organisation by whom the child was placed in foster care;</p> <p>(d) the physical address of the foster home in which the child has been placed and the date of placement; and</p> <p>(e) where the child is transferred or discharged from the foster home, the date of the transfer or discharge, and the name of the person or organisation to whom the child was transferred or returned on discharge.</p>

	<p>(2) The Register to be kept and maintained by the Director pursuant to section 179 (3) of the Act shall, in addition to the matters specified in sub-regulation (1), contain, in respect of each foster care placement, the following particulars:</p> <p>(a) the name and address, date of birth and sex of each foster parent;</p> <p>(b) the date of approval, and each review of approval (as the case may be); and</p> <p>(c) the current terms of approval .</p>
<p>Supervision and Support of Foster Parent</p>	<p>15. (1) The Director shall designate an officer to supervise and support the foster parent approved under regulation 6 (1) and arrange for the support services required to give effect to the agreement for maintenance of a foster child.</p> <p>(2) The designated officer shall consult with the foster parent or, in the case of two foster parents, at least one of the foster parents, within seven days after placement of a child in the foster home and thereafter within thirty days next following the placement.</p> <p>(3) At least once every three months, the officer designated under sub-regulation (1) shall –</p> <p>(a) visit the foster home in order to provide such support as may be required by the foster family; or</p>

	(b) where there are no children placed in the foster home, contact the family.
Emergency Placement with a Foster Parent	<p>16. (1) Where it is necessary to place a child in an emergency, the Director may place the child with a foster parent who is registered in accordance with these Regulations, despite the fact that the placement is inconsistent with the terms of the registration, provided that the placement is for a period not exceeding six working days.</p> <p>(2) When the period of six days referred to in sub-regulation (1) expire, the Director shall terminate the placement, unless the terms of the foster parent's registration have been revised to be consistent with the placement.</p>
Temporary Approval of Relative, Friend or other Person Connected with the Child	<p>17. (1) The director may approve a relative, friend or other person connected with a child, as a foster parent for a temporary period not exceeding sixteen weeks if the Director is satisfied that –</p> <p>(a) the most appropriate placement for the child is with the relative, friend or other person connected with the child, notwithstanding that they are not registered as foster parents; and</p> <p>(b) it is necessary for the child to be placed with a person connected with the child before their suitability to be foster parents has been assessed in accordance with these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) Before making a placement under sub-regulation (1), the Director shall –</p>

	<p>(a) assess the suitability of the relative, friend or other person connected with the child to care for the child, including the suitability of –</p> <p>(i) the proposed accommodation; and</p> <p>(ii) other persons over the age of eighteen years, and who are members of the household in which it is proposed to place the child;</p> <p>(b) the proposed arrangements will safeguard and promote the child’s welfare and meet the child’s needs; and</p> <p>(c) make immediate arrangements for the assessment of the suitability of the relative, friend or other person connected with the child, in accordance with these Regulations, to be foster parents before expiry of the temporary approval.</p>
<p>Director May Extend Temporary Approval</p>	<p>18. (1) The Director may extend the temporary approval of a relative, friend or other person connected with a child if –</p> <p>(a) the temporary approval is likely to expire before completion of registration of such persons as foster parents; or</p> <p>(b) the relative, friend or other person connected with a child, having undergone the full assessment process, is not approved for registration and seeks review of that decision.</p>

	<p>(2) In a case contemplated in sub-regulation (1) (a), the Director may extend the temporary approval once for a further period not exceeding eight weeks.</p> <p>(3) In a case contemplated in sub-regulation (1) (b), the Director may extend the temporary approval until the outcome of the review is notified.</p> <p>(4) Before deciding whether to extend the temporary approval under this regulation, the Director shall –</p> <p>(a) consider whether placement with the relative, friend or other person connected with the child, is still the most appropriate placement available; and</p> <p>(b) be satisfied that extension of the temporary approval is in the best interest of the child.</p> <p>(5) Where the period of temporary approval and of any extension of that period expires, and the relative, friend or other person connected with the child, has not been registered as a foster parent in accordance with these Regulations, the Director shall terminate the placement.</p>
<p>Termination of Foster Care Placement</p>	<p>19. (1) Before the Director, by direction in writing, terminates foster care placement of a child in accordance with section 181 of the Act, the Director shall –</p> <p>(a) consider the views of the foster parent; and</p>

	<p>(b) where the child is above the age of ten years, the views of the child.</p> <p>(2) On termination of the foster care placement as contemplated in sub-regulation (1), the Director shall give written notification to –</p> <p>(a) the foster parent;</p> <p>(b) where the child is above ten years of age, the child; and</p> <p>(c) all the persons to whom notification of the placement was given.</p>
	PART IV – GENERAL DUTIES IN RESPECT OF FOSTER CARE
<p>Duty of Care and Supervision of Foster Children</p>	<p>20. (1) Foster parents shall meet the physical, emotional, developmental and educational needs of each foster child, in accordance with these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) Foster parents shall provide or arrange for supervision appropriate to a child’s age and developmental level.</p> <p>(3) Foster parents shall have a plan for providing appropriate alternative care in their absence from the foster home.</p> <p>(4) A foster parent shall assure that any substitute caregiver is familiar with, and agrees to follow, all regulations pertaining to care and supervision of foster children.</p>

	<p>(5) A foster parent shall not permit any other person providing care or supervision to their foster child to violate any of these Regulations.</p> <p>(6) Foster parents shall take reasonable steps to safeguard foster children from hazards.</p>
Duty to Provide Food and Nutrition	<p>21. (1) Foster parents shall provide a balanced diet adequate to meet the nutritional needs of a foster child.</p> <p>(2) A foster family shall include foster children at family meals and shall offer them the same choice of food as the rest of the family, with due consideration for individual nutritional needs and preferences.</p>
Duty to Provide Medical Care	<p>22. (1) The Director and the Charitable Children Institution which recommended foster care placement shall ensure that a foster child is examined by a medical practitioner within one month after foster care placement and thereafter at least once every year, and the Director or charitable children institution shall make arrangements to obtain from the medical practitioner after each such examination a written report on the physical health and mental condition of the foster child.</p> <p>(2) In addition to the duties specified in section 15(6) of the Act, the foster parent shall –</p> <p>(a) ensure that the immunisations specified in the report submitted to them by the Director at the commencement of</p>

	<p>foster care placement are carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Health schedule of immunisations;</p> <p>(b) at all times in co-operation with the Director, keep a record of the immunisations in respect of a child; and</p> <p>(c) observe the foster child for any signs of illness, disease or changes in behaviour and forthwith report to the Director.</p> <p>(3) The Director and the charitable children institution shall provide adequate facilities for a foster child who is placed in foster care to receive such medical and dental attention as the child may require.</p>
<p>Duty to Provide Basic Education and Basic Skills</p>	<p>23. (1) In addition to the foster parent's duty under section 12 (3) of the Act, every foster parent shall –</p> <p>(a) facilitate the foster child's regular attendance at school or other place of instruction; and</p> <p>(b) assist the child in learning basic life skills that allow the opportunity to improve self-concept and strengthen identity in preparation for life after foster care.</p>
<p>Duty to Consider a Child's Religious</p>	<p>24. In addition to the duty prescribed in section 14(2) of the Act, the Director shall place a child with a foster parent who either is of the same religious persuasion as the foster child or</p>

<p>Persuasion on Placement</p>	<p>who gives an undertaking that the child shall be instructed and brought up in that religious persuasion.</p> <p>(2) The foster parent shall respect the religious beliefs of foster children, and shall not interfere with the reasonable practice of their religious beliefs.</p> <p>(3) Foster parents shall not coerce a foster child into participating in religious activities against the child's will.</p>
<p>Duty to Consider a Child's Cultural Background</p>	<p>25. (1) Whenever possible, the Director shall place a child with a foster parent who has the same cultural background as the child's parent or guardian, and who originates from the same area in Kenya as the parent or guardian of the child.</p> <p>(2) The foster parent shall respect the cultural heritage of foster children and shall not interfere with the reasonable practice of a foster child's cultural beliefs.</p> <p>(3) Foster parents shall not coerce a foster child into participating in ethnic events or cultural ceremonies against a child's will.</p>
<p>Duty of Confidentiality and Privacy</p>	<p>26. (1) Without prejudice to the rights prescribed by section 25(2) of the Act, foster parents shall treat all personal information regarding foster children and their families as private and confidential.</p> <p>(2) Foster parents shall not authorise the publication of the name or photograph of a foster child in a manner that identifies the child as a foster child.</p>

Duty to Report and Notify in Certain Cases	<p>27. (1) Where a child placed in foster care dies, the foster parent shall, within twenty-four hours of such death, notify the Director in writing, briefly explaining the cause (if known) or the circumstances of the death.</p> <p>(2) Where the parent or guardian of the foster child are known, the Director shall, within twenty-four hours of the notification given pursuant to sub-regulation (1), inform them of the child's death.</p> <p>(3) Where a single foster parent with whom a child is placed dies, the child shall, in the first instance, be placed with another foster parent and, if not possible, returned to the home or to the charitable children institution from which the child was first received.</p> <p>(4) Where a foster child is assaulted or sexually abused, the foster parent shall, within twenty-four hours, report to the Director the circumstances under which the child was subjected to abuse, assault or other physical or sexual abuse.</p> <p>(5) The foster parent shall notify the Director –</p> <p>(a) as soon as it has been determined that a foster child has ran away or is missing;</p> <p>(b) when any member of the foster parent's household contracts a disease which may present a significant threat to the health of the foster child;</p>

	<p>(c) when the foster family moves to different premises;</p> <p>(d) when there is a change, other than foster children, in the membership of the household;</p> <p>(e) when there are changes in the physical premises which affect compliance with these Regulations; and</p> <p>(f) when there is a serious physical or mental illness, or injury of any member of the household which may affect the ability of the foster family to provide care for children.</p>
	PART V – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Appeal	28. A person dissatisfied by the decision of the Director made under these Regulations may appeal to the Cabinet Secretary.
Foster Care Placement to be Decentralised	<p>29. (1) The Director shall ensure that foster care placement services are decentralized to the lowest units of service delivery in the Counties pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Constitution.</p> <p>(2) Subject to sub-regulation (1), the Director shall ensure that there is kept and maintained in every County a register of foster parents in which shall be set out in respect of each foster care placement a record of the matters specified in regulation 14.</p> <p>(3) A County Children Officer, or other officer designated for that purpose by the Director shall, within one month, report</p>

	every foster care placement in the County to the Director in Form No. FC5 set out in the Schedule.
Power to Inspect Foster Homes	<p>30. (1) An authorised officer may, at any time, enter any foster home or any premises in which he or she has reason to believe that a child is being maintained contrary to the provisions of the Act or these Regulations, and may inspect every part of the foster home or premises and examine the child and the condition of the child therein.</p> <p>(2) Whereupon inspection under sub-regulation (1), the authorised officer is dissatisfied with the quality of care given to a child, the officer may remove the child from the foster home or other premises and place the child in a place of safety until the wishes of the parent or guardian are known, or until alternative arrangements are for family-based care and maintenance of the child are made in accordance with these Regulations.</p> <p>(3) No person shall keep a child in a place of safety by virtue of sub-regulation (2) otherwise than in accordance with Part X of the Act, and the Children (Care and Protection) Regulations.</p>
Transitional Provisions	31. Anything done or commenced under the Foster Care Placement Rules, 2001 (now repealed) shall be deemed to be validly done as if such thing or matter was done or commenced under these Regulations.
Repeal of the Foster Care Placement Rules, 2001	32. The Foster Care Placement Rules, 2001 are repealed.

Regulation 4 (1)

Form No FC 1

APPLICATION TO FOSTER A CHILD

Name of the Applicant.....

Date of Birth.....Age.....Sex

National ID/Passport Number (attach a copy)

Physical Address Telephone Number Email Address

Postal Address Postal Code

City/Town.....County Sub – County

Location Sub-LocationVillage.....

Marital Status Number of Children (if any).....

Occupation of Applicant.....

Occupation of Spouse (if applicable)

Other Sources of Income (e.g., farming).....

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Have you ever fostered a Child /Children Before? (if so, give particulars).....
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Reason for Fostering.....
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Are you willing to undertake short term fostering? Yes/No

Names of two referees and their contact Information

1.....

2.....

Age Range.....Sex of Child you wish to foster.....

Applicant's Signature.....

Date.....

Regulation 5 (1)

Form No FC 2

RECORD OF PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENT

Name of prospective foster parent(s).....

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Date of birth.....Age.....Sex

Physical Address Telephone Number Email Address

Postal Address Postal Code

City/Town.....County Sub – County

Location Sub-location Village.....

Religion..... Occupation.....

Marital status of prospective foster parent (s).....

Date of marriage

Is the relationship monogamous or polygamous

Particulars of other people living in the foster home

Name	Relationship to Prospective Foster Parent	School/Grade	Occupation
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Is there or has there been any serious illness/infection in the family? (if so, give details)

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Particulars of the income and wealth of the prospective foster parents. Give description of the home

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Number of roomsType of toilet.....

Type of water supply.....

Will the family/ person need material support in order to start fostering? If the answer is yes, specify what will be neededand why

Does this family wish to foster children? Yes/No

.....

Does the person understand the temporary nature of foster care placement? Yes/No

Has the person/ any member of the family had a criminal conviction (if Yes, give details and dates and state whether in your opinion it is of such seriousness as to prevent the family / person from taking on a foster placement)

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Assessment of the suitability of that family/ person to foster children

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Recommendation

What type of foster child would benefit from this person /family? Baby, child, male, female, intersex)

(Indicate suitable age brackets)

Details of foster child/(ren) already placed with foster parents

Name	Sex	Date of Placement
.....

Age at Placement	Date of Termination	Why Placement Terminated
.....

Details of parents and siblings of foster children if known

Names of Foster Parents	Age	Religion	Physical Address
.....

Names of Brothers	Names of Sisters	Age	Physical Address
.....

Name of Children's Officer.....

Signature

Address.....

Date

Regulation 7 (1)

Form No FC 3

FORM OF UNDERTAKING

(To be completed in Triplicate)

I/ We (names of foster parent).....who received

(name of child)

Into my/our home on (date)

from (name of children’s officer).....

undertake that –

I /We will care for (name of child)..... As if the child were my/our own child.

I /We will bring the child up in accordance with (specify religious persuasion).....

I/We will look after the child’s health and allow the child to be medically examined as required by the children’s officer.

I/We will allow a children’s officer to visit my/our home, and to see the child at any time.

I /We will inform the children’s officer immediately if the child is seriously ill/ or missing, or is involved in an accident, or is any kind of trouble.

I /We will inform the children’s officer immediately if I/ we plan to change residence and address.

I/We understand that a children’s officer has the right to remove the child from my/our home in certain circumstances.

(Signed of foster father).....

(Signed of foster mother).....

(Address of foster parents).....

Regulation 7 (2)

Form No FC 4

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A FOSTER PARENT

I(Title).....certify that I have explained the undertaking provided for under regulation 7(2) of the foster care placement regulations in the.....Language to.....and foster parent(s) .

Signed
Children’s Officer

Signed.....
(witness)

.....
(address of witness)

Regulation 29 (3)

Form No FC 5

FOSTER CHILD CARE RECORD

Name of Child (surname first).....

Date of birth.....Age..... Sex.....

City/Town.....County Sub – County

Location Sub-locationVillage.....

Religion.....

Names of the foster parents.....

Foster parents address.....

Biological Father’s name..... alive /dead/unkown

Biological mother’s name..... alive/dead/unkown

Biological father or Biological mother or

Guardian’s address Guardian’s address

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City/Town.....County Sub – County

Location Sub-locationVillage.....

Details of foster child brothers, sisters and relatives (if known)

Names	Addresses	Alive/Dead
.....
.....

Where was the child Living immediately prior to this foster placement? (please give names and address of carers or institution)

Case history of the child and their family.....
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What efforts have been made to trace the parents or relatives and to reunite the child to their family.....
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Details of medical history including immunisations.....
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Give details of education

School..... Grade.....

Name of Children's Officer.....

Date..... Children's Officer's Signature.....