

**Declaration of parent (or testamentary guardian) of the child required by section 23(5)(a) of the Care of Children Act 2004 for appointment of additional guardian by parents.**

I .....  
*[full name]*

of .....  
*[full residential address]*

.....  
*[occupation]*

solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. In my opinion, the appointment of

.....  
*[full name of proposed additional guardian]*

as an additional guardian for

.....  
*[full name of child who is subject of appointment]*

(the “child”) is conducive to the welfare and best interests of the child.

2. In my opinion, I have taken all reasonable steps to ascertain and consider any views expressed by the child on the appointment of an additional guardian.

3. I have seen the criminal record of the proposed additional guardian and to the best of my knowledge, the proposed additional guardian has never been convicted of an offence referred to in section 23 (2)(d) of the Care of Children Act 2004.

4. To the best of my knowledge I am not aware of any other reason why the proposed additional guardian is not an eligible spouse or partner (as defined in section 23 (2) of the Care of Children Act 2004) in relation to the child.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

.....  
Signature

Declared at ..... *[place]*

this ..... day of ..... 20 .....

before me: .....

Solicitor of the High Court/Justice of the Peace/Registrar/Deputy Registrar of the District Court/ or other person authorised to take a statutory declaration.

**Note**

This form may be used in conjunction with Form for appointment of additional guardian by parents as prescribed in the Care of Children (Appointment of Additional Guardian by Parents)(Form) Rules 2005.

You may wish to take legal advice before making the declaration.

It is an offence to make a false statutory declaration.