



Recognised care questionnaire 2027

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 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)

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)

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.
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

- 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

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
- 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 2026, complete the calendars through to at least 31 March 2027.
- 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 – 2027 Child support nights per year (February 2026 - January 2027)

February 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Nights in February

May 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Nights in May

August 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Nights in August

November 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Nights in November

March 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Nights in March

June 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Nights in June

September 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Nights in September

December 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Nights in December

April 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Nights in April

July 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Nights in July

October 2026						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Nights in October

January 2027						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Nights in January

Total Nights:

= weekends

= school holidays – the exact dates will vary from school to school

Public Holidays

Waitangi Day	6 Feb	Labour Day	26 Oct
Good Friday	3 Apr	Christmas Day	25 Dec
Easter Monday	6 Apr	Boxing Day	26 Dec
ANZAC Day	25 Apr	'Boxing Day' day off	28 Dec
'ANZAC Day' day off	27 Apr	New Year's Day	1 Jan
King's Birthday	1 Jun	Day after New Year's Day	2 Jan
Matariki	10 Jul	'Day after New Year's Day' day off	4 Jan

Anniversary days

Canterbury (South)	28 Sep	Otago	23 Mar
Canterbury	13 Nov	Southland	7 Apr
Chatham Islands	30 Nov	Taranaki	9 Mar
Hawke's Bay	23 Oct	Wellington (2027)	25 Jan
Marlborough	2 Nov	Westland	30 Nov
Nelson	2 Feb		



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For: (Name of child/children)

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Date care arrangement stopped/ will stop

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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