

# Full Safety Check Cover Sheet

<b>Full name:</b>	
<b>Role:</b>	<b>Service name:</b>
<b>Start date:</b>	<b>Service #:</b>
<b>Current practice certificate:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Expiry date of practising certificate:</b>

  

## 1. Verification of Identity

Check the person's identity by using an electronic identity credential such as [RealMe](#) (provided the service provider has integrated with RealMe), or sight and copy of the **original** primary and secondary identity documents. If the names on the IDs do not match, then you must include a supporting name change document. **One form of identification must be primary, and one must be secondary. These must be current and not expired. Check that the documents are not fraudulent.**

Primary ID	Secondary ID
<input type="checkbox"/> NZ passport <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas passport (may include INZ visa or permit. Visa itself is not valid ID) <input type="checkbox"/> NZ emergency travel document <input type="checkbox"/> NZ refugee travel document <input type="checkbox"/> NZ certificate of identity (issued under the Passports Act 1992 to non-NZ citizens who cannot obtain a passport from their country of origin) <input type="checkbox"/> NZ certificate of identity (issued under the Immigration Act 1987 to people who have refugee status) <input type="checkbox"/> NZ firearms licence <input type="checkbox"/> NZ full birth certificate (issued on or after 1 January 1998) <input type="checkbox"/> NZ citizenship certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> NZ driver licence <input type="checkbox"/> Kiwi Access Card (previously known as 18+ card) <input type="checkbox"/> Community services card <input type="checkbox"/> SuperGold Card <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran SuperGold Card <input type="checkbox"/> NZ student ID card <input type="checkbox"/> NZ employee photo ID card <input type="checkbox"/> NZ electoral roll record <input type="checkbox"/> Inland Revenue number (An official letter/statement clearly showing the <b>person's full legal name</b> and <b>IRD number</b> . The document must be recent, ideally issued within the last six months but no longer than 12 months ago.) <input type="checkbox"/> NZ issued utility bill (not issued more than 6 months earlier eg. phone, power, internet bill etc) <input type="checkbox"/> Steps to Freedom form

  

### Supporting name change documents

<input type="checkbox"/> NZ full birth certificate (issued for purpose) <input type="checkbox"/> NZ marriage certificate (particulars of marriage is not valid) <input type="checkbox"/> Change of name by statutory declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Change of name by deed poll	<input type="checkbox"/> NZ name change certificate <input type="checkbox"/> NZ civil union certificate <input type="checkbox"/> NZ order dissolving marriage or civil union <input type="checkbox"/> NZ order declaring marriage or civil union void
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<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of RealMe verification attached OR <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of identification documentation attached	Date completed:
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed a search of personnel records to check if the person's identity is being, or has been, used by another person	Date completed:

  

## 1A. Verification of Identity by an Identity Referee.

If neither of the primary or secondary identity documents has a photo of the person you must ask them to provide:

☐ The name and contact details of an identity referee  
☐ A photo of themselves authenticated by the identity referee  
 OR  
☐ A statement signed and dated by the identity referee that confirms that the primary identify document relates to that person.

The identify referee must have known the person for at least 12 months, and be at least 16 years of age, and not be related to the person and not be part of the person's extended family, and not be a spouse or partner of the person, and not live at the same address as the person.

Name of Identity Referee:

☐ Attached copy of the Verification Statement or authenticated photo

Date completed:

## 2. Work History

Obtain a chronological summary of the person's work history for a minimum of the preceding 5 years, including a description of positions held. This can be a copy of a CV or job application. Any gaps in the 5-year period must be explained.

☐ Work history attached

Date completed:

## 3. Referee Checks (Best practice is to contact two referees)

Contact at least one referee. A referee cannot be related to the person or part of the person's extended family. Confirm with the referee that the information in the person's CV is correct. Ask the referee if they have any concerns regarding the person's suitability to work with children.

Name:

Date called:

Contact details:

Name:

Date called:

Contact details:

☐ Referee checks including questions asked, and detailed answers provided are attached

## 4. Professional Membership

Seek information from any relevant professional organisation or registration authority to confirm if the candidate is a current member, registered or certificated by the authority.

For certified teachers:

☐ Check the online [Teaching Council register](#) for the person's certification category and expiry date. If the teacher has any censures or conditions, this will be noted on the register.

☐ Name of any professional organisations, licensing authorities, or registration authorities:

☐ Copies issued from the relevant professional organisation, licensing or registration authority attached

Date completed:

☐ A screenshot from an online register check attached

## 5. Police Vet

You will need to Police vet all employees; however, if the person is a teacher who holds a current practising certificate their Police vet will already have been done and this can be relied on.

Police vet result shows:

☐ No convictions

☐ Convictions:

☐ Convictions of a [special offence](#) – (person must not be employed in a core children's worker role unless they have an exemption).

☐ Copy of Police vet attached

**OR**

☐ Holds a current practising certificate so a new police vet was not requested

### 5A. Adults in home (for home-based services only)

The service provider of a licensed home-based service must obtain a police vet of every adult (person 17 years or older) who lives in a home:

- where the service is being provided, and
- where at least 1 child to whom the service is being provided does not live in the home

☐ Copy of Police vet(s) for adult(s) in home attached

### 5B. We also recommend obtaining a Police Vet for workers from overseas

In addition to obtaining a NZ Police vet, you should ask them to provide copies of police certificates from their countries of citizenship and from any country in which they have lived for one or more years, within the last 10 years.

☐ Attached copy of police certificate from their countries of citizenship

☐ Attached copy of police certificate from any country in which they have lived for one or more years, within the last 10 years

When a person cannot provide an overseas police certificate:

☐ Attach proof of attempts to obtain a certificate

☐ Statutory declaration attached stating whether they have any overseas criminal convictions or not

## 6. Interview (ensure that you have gathered all the information you will need to conduct a meaningful interview)

Document the interview conducted, such as interview notes or summary. Detail questions asked and answers provided.

Interview type: ☐ Face to face ☐ Phone ☐ Other:

Interviewer(s):

Date of interview:

☐ Copy of detailed interview notes attached

**NOTE:** This interview is not the 'job interview'. It is specifically aimed at establishing the person's safety to work with and have access to children as required by the *Children's (Requirements for Safety Checks of Children's Workers) Regulations 2015*. This interview should be conducted after all the relevant information in steps 1 to 5 has been obtained and before the risk assessment is completed (step 7). This interview may be conducted over telephone or zoom etc. but remember, it is requirement that the prospective employer meets the person at least once face-to-face prior to completing the risk assessment. This would be the time that you sight the person's original I.D. documents.

## 7. Risk Assessment

Evaluate all the information you have gathered to assess the risk the candidate would pose to the safety of children if employed or engaged.

**You must detail** how all information gathered for the other components of the safety check (identity check, work history, interview, referee, membership, and Police vet) **has been considered for the risk assessment.**

REFLECT	Is the person safe to work with children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Would the person support and adhere to your child protection policy, and actively contribute to a culture of child protection in your organisation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Are there any inconsistencies in information supplied, e.g., information not mentioned on the person's work history or during interview that was provided by the referee or in the Police vet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Are there any patterns of concerning attitudes or behaviours? These can be subtle and wider than the presence or absence of criminal convictions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Do you need to follow-up or gather any additional information, e.g., from another referee or more information from a referee already contacted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Do you need to clarify any issues with the applicant directly, e.g., allowing them an opportunity to respond to any information that is unclear or inconsistent? Did they deliberately withhold information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Do you need to talk to your manager about the person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**All candidates require a written risk assessment.** Assess the person to determine whether they pose, or might pose, any risk to the safety of children.

ASSESS	I have assessed the person as posing <input type="checkbox"/> no risk <input type="checkbox"/> risk <input type="checkbox"/> high risk to children
	If the person does, or could, pose a risk, assess the extent of that risk.
	Notes on the assessment of information and your decision <i>(Aim for a minimum of 80 words please).</i> <b><i>In addition, if the person has any convictions or comments on their Police vet, ensure you include these in your assessment notes.</i></b>

**Consider writing a full risk assessment in word and attaching it to this document.**

**Name and signature of person who undertook the risk assessment:**

**Date:**

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Print Name

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Signature

**Name and signature of person who completed the coversheet (if different from above):**

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Print Name

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Signature

**Date:**

**Due date of next periodic safety check:**

*(Must not exceed three years)*

**Keep this form together with all documentation gathered in the individual's personnel file for as long as they work for your organisation.**