Preliminary Consideration Waiver
Licensing Standards for Kinship Care

ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT
of CHILD SAFETY

Completed by the Licensing Agency

Instructions

1. Answer questions in typed format. Answer all questions completely and include information needed to show why compliance cannot be met. OLR will not grant a waiver request simply because it would be inconvenient for the foster parent or applicant to comply with the licensing requirement.

2. Kinship waivers may only be granted to applicants providing Kinship Care only.

3. Complete the addendum for Fictive Kin Waiver Request if needed.

4. Refer to A.A.C. Title 21 Chapter 6 when citing the rule that is requested to be waived.

5. If applying for a waiver for a Fingerprint Clearance Card, please include a copy of the denial from DPS with this form. Please ensure that the Good Cause Exception process has begun prior to submitting this waiver request.

6. Save completed form and send as email attachment to OLRKinshipWaivers@azdcs.gov

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Potential Applicant's Name (First, M.I., Last)

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Address

_____
City

_____
State

_____
Zip

The above named person has expressed interest in applying for licensure as a foster parent to provide care for only the following related child(ren):

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Relationship to Applicant	Fictive Kin

This potential applicant is not able to meet the standards for the licensing rule A.A.C. R-21-6-_____

Training waiver per training requirement table.

Provide details in regard to why the home is unable to meet compliance and the reason compliance would be a hardship (include sleeping arrangements, if applicable).

Provide justification that waiving the licensing requirement will not compromise the safety of a child.

Provide any proposed alternative compliance with the rule requirement, including pictures or diagrams that depict any physical requirement to be waived.

Provide a summary of the options discussed with the family to bring the home into compliance.

Summarize how the agency will monitor the situation.

Summarize any known historical, behavioral or other information that may be relevant or have an impact on the situation.

Target Date for Compliance: _____

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At this preliminary stage:

OLR MAY waive this licensing rule for this potential applicant.

OLR will NOT waive this licensing rule for this potential applicant because:

Youth Participation in the following community meeting/event

The justification provided by the Licensing Agency is insufficient in demonstrating that the situation will not jeopardize the safety of a child.

Additional information is needed prior to the final decision.

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If an application for licensure is submitted, further consideration for the waiver will be given by OLR on a case-by-case basis.

Approval in the preliminary stage is not a guarantee that a waiver will be granted or that a license will be issued. Additional information may be requested by OLR before approval can be granted.

_____
OLR Designee's Signature

_____
Date

Quick Connect ID: _____

Federal legislation permits certain non-safety licensing standards to be waived for kinship foster caregivers. This also extends to fictive kin. Fictive kin are caregivers not related to the child(ren) by blood or marriage, but nonetheless have a "kin-like" relationship with the child(ren). This relationship may be characterized as one which entails love, commitment, familiarity and trust on both sides.

_____ | _____
Caregiver's Name (First, M.I., Last) | *Caregiver's Name (First, M.I., Last)*

Please describe all your answers in detail.

What is the emotional connection between the child(ren) and caregiver which is reminiscent of a kinship relationship?

What is the relationship between the child(ren) and the caregiver. Is it like that of grandparents or aunts and uncles? Are the families connected in some way and on some regular basis?

Describe the length of the relationship between the child(ren) and the caregiver and whether the caregiver anticipates the relationship will have a long future including permanency if needed.

If the proposed fictive kin caregiver has a child in the home, is the relationship between the birth child and the child(ren) referred for placement also kin-like?

I affirm that as the assigned licensing worker I am qualified to answer the above questions, and that the answers I gave to those questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____   _____
Licensing Work's Signature   *Date*