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How to Complete Your Minor Child Travel Consent

Parental Consent for a Child Traveling Without Both Parents

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR TRAVEL CONSENT.

About this form. Use this form when a child under 18 is traveling with **only one parent**, with a grandparent or other adult, with a school group, or alone. U.S. Customs and Border Protection strongly recommends that the accompanying adult carry a consent letter from the parent(s) not traveling, and suggests that it be notarized. Many other countries require one, and airlines often ask for it.

1. **Name the parent(s) giving consent (Section 1)**
   The parent who is **not** traveling signs. If the child is traveling with neither parent, both parents should sign.
2. **List each child (Section 2)**
   Write each name exactly as it appears on the passport, with date and place of birth and passport number.
3. **Say who the child is traveling with (Section 3)**
   List each accompanying adult, or mark “unaccompanied” and name the adult meeting the child at arrival.
4. **Fill in the trip details (Section 4)**
   Destinations, travel dates, flights if known, and where the child will stay. Specific details avoid questions at the border.
5. **Custody and medical care (Sections 5–6)**
   Mark the custody situation. With sole custody, carry the court order or other proof. Authorizing emergency medical care is optional but recommended.
6. **Sign in front of a notary (Section 7)**
   Do **not** sign ahead of time. Each signing parent brings a current government-issued photo ID. Parents in different places can each sign before a notary — we come to you.

Before You Travel

- Give the original to the accompanying adult and keep a copy. Also pack a copy of the child’s birth certificate.
- Check the entry rules of each destination country and your airline’s policy — some have their own forms or extra requirements.
- **Some countries also require an apostille** on the notarized letter. First Choice provides apostille services — ask when you book.

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YOUR FORM BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE

CONSENT FOR MINOR CHILD TO TRAVEL

Parental / Legal Guardian Authorization

1. PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) GIVING CONSENT

Parent / guardian 1

_____ _____

(full legal name of parent or guardian) (relationship to child: mother, father, legal guardian)

_____ _____ _____ _____

(address) (city) (state) (ZIP Code)

_____ _____ _____

(phone) (email) (ID / passport type and number)

Parent / guardian 2 (if also giving consent)

_____ _____

(full legal name of parent or guardian) (relationship to child: mother, father, legal guardian)

_____ _____ _____ _____

(address) (city) (state) (ZIP Code)

_____ _____ _____

(phone) (email) (ID / passport type and number)

2. CHILD(REN) AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL

Enter each child's name exactly as it appears on the child's passport or travel document.

Full name of child	Date of birth	Place of birth	Passport number

3. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT (mark one)

☐ The child(ren) will travel **with the following adult(s)**:

Full name of accompanying adult	Relationship to child	Phone	Passport number

☐ The child(ren) will travel **unaccompanied** (for example, under an airline's unaccompanied minor service).

_____

(name and phone of adult meeting the child at arrival)

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4. TRIP DETAILS

(destination city / cities) (destination country / countries)

(departure date) (return date) (airline / carrier and flight numbers, if known)

(where the child will stay: name, address, phone)

(purpose of trip, e.g., vacation, visiting family, school trip)

5. CUSTODY (mark one)

- ☐ Both parents share legal custody, and each consenting parent is signing below.
- ☐ I have sole legal custody of the child(ren). A copy of the court order or other supporting document is attached or will be carried with the child(ren).
- ☐ The other parent is deceased or is not named on the birth certificate. A copy of the supporting document is attached or will be carried with the child(ren).
- ☐ I am the child's court-appointed legal guardian. A copy of the letters of guardianship is attached or will be carried with the child(ren).

6. CONSENT

I/We, the undersigned, am/are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the child(ren) named in Section 2 and have the legal authority to give this consent. I/We give permission for the child(ren) to travel as described in this document, during the dates stated, and to depart from and re-enter the United States. This consent may be presented to airline, immigration, customs, and border officials.

- ☐ **Emergency medical care (optional).** If I/we cannot be reached, I/we authorize the accompanying adult(s) named in Section 3 to consent to emergency medical, surgical, or dental treatment for the child(ren) during the trip.

(child's allergies, medications, or medical conditions travelers should know about, if any)

Contact the undersigned at any time during the trip at the phone numbers and email addresses listed in Section 1.

7. SIGNATURE(S)

Parent / guardian 1

X

(signature of parent / guardian) (printed name) (date)

Parent / guardian 2

X

(signature of parent / guardian) (printed name) (date)

Sign in front of the notary public, who will complete the Certificate of Acknowledgment on the next page. If the parents sign at different times or places, each signature is notarized separately and each notary attaches a certificate.

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CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Notary acknowledgment of the signature(s) on this Consent for Minor Child to Travel.

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)

County of _____)

On _____ before me, _____

(here insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared _____

, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(Seal)

Signature _____