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## NSW child safe standards for permanent care

The [NSW Child Safe Standards for Permanent Care \( 5MB\)](#) 2015 replace the Statutory Out-of-Home Care Standards and the Adoption Standards, effective from 1 December 2015 .

[A Word version is available on request.](#)

The out-of-home care and adoption standards have been merged to create one set of standards which support a dual accreditation process for agencies choosing to provide both statutory out-of-home care and adoption services. The Standards have been updated to provide a greater focus on achieving permanency for children and young people. This focus supports the NSW Government's Safe Home for Life Child Protection Reforms. Amendments to the *Children and Young Person's (Care and Protection) Act 1998* introduced a

hierarchy for planning for permanency.

More information about Permanency Support Program is available at [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/permanency-support-program](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/permanency-support-program)

The NSW Child Safe Standards for Permanent Care 2015 are used by the Children's Guardian for the accreditation of agencies that provide statutory out-of-home care services and/or adoption services in NSW.

The standards establish minimum requirements for accreditation and were developed in consultation with the out-of-home care and adoption sector. The standards are strength-based and encourage agencies to continuously strive for best-practice.

Related links:

- Minister and Guardian's announcement
- Presentation slides from the launch ( 360.6KB)