

STUDY PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORM CENTRELINK CONSENT FORM

Important information

- By completing Section A of this form you are agreeing to participate in the *Growing Up in Australia* study and for *Growing Up in Australia* to collect personal and sensitive information for the purposes of the Study.
- By completing Section B of this form you are also consenting to the use and disclosure of your personal Centrelink benefits data for the *Growing Up in Australia* study.
- This data includes the type of benefit(s) you may have received in the past, are currently receiving or may receive in the future, the payment amounts, payment periods and details of your personal circumstances provided to Centrelink to assess your qualification for Centrelink payments or benefits and/or your current contact details.
- Any changes to this form must be initialled by the signatory. Incomplete forms may result in the Study not being provided with your information.
- By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and understood the information provided to you on the back of this form and that you have been given an opportunity to ask questions and understand why your personal information will be collected and how it will be used and disclosed.
- Your consent to release the Centrelink information is voluntary and does not affect your participation in the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

Section A – Study participation consent

Please tick the box

- I agree to participate in *Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children* and for *Growing Up in Australia* to collect personal and sensitive information for the purposes of the Study. I have read and understood the information about the Study in Section A of the Study Participation Form – Information sheet (see page 3).

Section B – Authorisation

I have read and understood the information about the release of my Centrelink benefits and personal circumstances data on this form (including the information provided to me on the back of this form) and I authorise* the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services to provide:

Please tick **all** that apply

- My current contact details (including my address and phone numbers)
- Centrelink benefits data (see Section D) **including** personal circumstances data** backdated to 1 January 1999

to the *Growing Up in Australia* study for the life of the Study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.

* This authority is provided under the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, the *New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*, the *Student Assistance Act 1973* or the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* as applicable.

** Data about your personal circumstances is the information you have given to Centrelink so that they could determine whether you qualified for payment and how much you were entitled to (as well as information about concession cards). This may include information about you or your partner's income and assets, details of employment and study, disability status and details related to your use of childcare. It may also include information you gave about members of the household, or if you receive a carer payment, the person you care for. This information will be provided in a form which does not allow individuals to be identified.

Section C – Participant’s details

First name*:

Surname*:

Address:

Postcode:

Date of birth:

Male:

Customer Reference Number:

Female:

Section D

Centrelink benefits data under Social Security Law, Family Assistance Law, Paid Parental Leave Act 2010 or Student Assistance Act 1973 or new Acts governing the provision of welfare payments

- Age Pension
- Special Benefit
- Wife Pension (Age)
- Wife Pension (DSP)
- Widow B Pension
- Carer Payment
- Disability Support Pension
- Newstart Allowance
- Parenting Payment Partnered
- Parenting Payment Single
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Widow Allowance
- Austudy
- Youth Allowance
- ABSTUDY
- Health Care Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- Low Income Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Bereavement Allowance
- Double Orphan Pension
- Carer Allowance
- Paid Parental Leave
- Baby Bonus
- Rent Assistance
- Family Tax Benefit

.....and payments in the future with a similar purpose

Section E – Declaration

I declare that the information on this form is true and correct.

Signed

(participant’s signature):

Dated: / /

***The person named above must consent to their own information being released unless there is a:**

Power of attorney (attach supporting evidence)

Guardianship order (attach supporting evidence)

A **power of attorney** is a document that appoints a person to act on behalf of another person who grants that power. In particular, an enduring power of attorney allows the appointed person to act on behalf of another person even when that person has become mentally incapacitated. The powers under a power of attorney may be unlimited or limited to specific acts.

OR

A **guardianship order** is an order made by a guardianship board/tribunal that appoints a guardian to make decisions for another person. A guardianship order may be expressed broadly or limited to particular aspects of the care of another person.

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First name:

Surname:

Signed by:

Signature (on behalf of participant):

Dated: / /

Study Participant Form – Information sheet

Section A – Study participation consent

Information (including personal and sensitive) is being collected as part of *Growing Up in Australia: The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children*, which is conducted as a partnership between the Department of Social Services, the Australian Institute of Family Studies, and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), with advice provided by a consortium of leading researchers.

The *Growing Up in Australia* study is an ongoing study with information collected using a variety of approaches including paper form, telephone interview, and face to face interview. Information is being used to further the understanding of child and adolescent development and wellbeing, to help the government plan future policies and services.

The ABS is collecting *Growing Up in Australia* study information under the authority of the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Act 1975*. Information is collected from various informants including the study child and their parents and/or guardians. Information collected by the ABS for the *Growing Up in Australia* study is collected on a voluntary basis and will only be used for:

- Statistical purposes; and
- Maintaining contact with study participants for the purposes of the Study.

Data released to researchers or policy makers will be de-identified, and only combined results will be published. All information collected will be kept strictly confidential.

In line with the *Privacy Act 1988* your separate consent will be sought to release personal and sensitive information to any other person or organisation for the purpose of the Study.

If the organisation responsible for future data collection phases of the Study changes, the ABS will be required to disclose your information to that organisation.

Participation in the Study is voluntary and if consent is not provided then *Growing Up in Australia* will no longer collect information from you. You may withdraw from the Study at any time or choose not to take part in some aspects of the Study. However, information collected previously will continue to be used and form part of the *Growing Up in Australia* study. Any queries can be directed to *Growing Up in Australia* by:

- Calling 1800 005 508 freecall (excluding mobile phones)
- Writing to *Growing Up in Australia* (Reply Paid 76746, SYDNEY NSW 2000)
- Emailing *Growing Up in Australia* at: growingup@updatedetails.growingupinaustralia.gov.au

If you have a privacy complaint in relation to the *Growing Up in Australia* study, you may lodge a complaint by:

- Emailing privacy@abs.gov.au
- Writing to The ABS Privacy Officer, Locked Bag 10, Belconnen ACT 2616

For general advice on privacy related complaints, or if you are not satisfied with the ABS Privacy Officer's response, you can contact the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner via: www.oaic.gov.au/privacy/making-a-privacy-complaint

Section B – Consent for release of Centrelink benefits and personal circumstances data Information sheet

I have agreed that my Centrelink benefits data of the kind listed in Section D, my personal circumstances data and/or my current contact details, be released to the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

1. I understand that the personal information on this consent form will be sent to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services to allow them to release my Centrelink benefits data, my personal circumstances data and/or my current contact details, to the *Growing Up in Australia* study.
2. I understand that the Centrelink benefits data provided by the Department of Human Services will include the type of benefit(s) I may have received in the past, I am currently receiving and I may receive in the future, the payment amounts and the payment periods.
3. I understand details of my personal circumstances that I originally provided to Centrelink to assess my eligibility for Centrelink benefits will also be released to the *Growing Up in Australia* study.
4. I understand that my Centrelink benefits and my personal circumstances data will be confidentialised and stored securely by the Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS) **without** a specified date for the destruction of the data as *Growing Up in Australia* is an ongoing study.
5. I understand that my Centrelink benefits and my personal circumstances data will be released to the *Growing Up in Australia* study, from 1 January 1999 until the end of the Study, or until I withdraw my consent, whichever occurs first.
6. I understand that my Centrelink benefits data including my personal circumstances data will be provided, stored and analysed only for the purposes of the *Growing Up in Australia* study and will not affect my payments.
7. I understand that this consent form will be retained by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Social Services for the life of the Study as a record of my consent.
8. I understand that an electronic copy of this consent form will be retained by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the life of the Study as a record of my consent.
9. I understand that my contact details will be used for maintaining contact with me for the purposes of the *Growing Up in Australia* study.
10. I understand that I can, at any time, withdraw my consent to the release of my Centrelink benefits data, my personal circumstances data and/or my contact details by:
 - Calling 1800 005 508 freecall (excluding mobile phones)
 - Writing to *Growing Up in Australia* (Reply Paid 76746, SYDNEY NSW 2000)
 - Emailing *Growing Up in Australia* at: growingup@updatedetails.growingupinaustralia.gov.au
11. If I withdraw my consent, I understand that my Centrelink benefits data and my personal circumstances data provided by the Department of Human Services before my withdrawal will continue to be used and form part of the *Growing Up in Australia* study.

Your Privacy

- Your personal and sensitive information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Centrelink information is also protected under the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*, the *New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*, the *Student Assistance Act 1973* or the *Paid Parental Leave Act 2010* as applicable, and is provided by the Department of Human Services to the *Growing Up in Australia* study for statistical purposes and to maintain contact with you.
- Your signed consent will be sought to release personal and sensitive information to any other person or organisation.
- Further information on privacy in relation to the *Growing Up in Australia* study and the *Growing Up in Australia* Privacy Statement can be found at: www.growingupinaustralia.gov.au/participants/privacy.html or by calling 1800 005 508 freecall (excluding mobile phones).
- The Department of Social Services Privacy Policy can be found at: <https://www.dss.gov.au/privacy-policy>. This privacy policy contains information regarding access to and correction of personal information and contains information on how you can make a privacy complaint.