

Kinship List

A caretaker relative must be a person who is within the 5th degree of kinship to a child by blood or adoption. The spouse of a person with the 5th degree of kinship can be a caretaker relative.

Blood Relatives

1st Degree

- Father or Mother

2nd Degree

- Brother or Sister
- Grandfather or Grandmother

3rd Degree

- Uncle or Aunt
- Nephew or Niece
- Great-Grandfather or Great-Grandmother

4th Degree

- Great-Uncle or Great-Aunt
- First Cousin
- Great-Great-Grandfather or Great-Great-Grandmother

5th Degree

- Great-Great-Uncle or Great-Great-Aunt
- First Cousin once removed
- Great-Great-Great-Grandfather or
- Great-Great-Great-Grandmother

Step Relatives

- Stepfather or Stepmother – 1st degree of kinship
- Stepbrother or Stepsister – 2nd degree of kinship

Adoptive Relatives

The degree of kinship for adoptive parents and relatives is the same as for blood relatives.

Spouse of Relatives

The spouse of a blood, step, or adoptive relative has the same degree of kinship as the relative. The spouse can be a caretaker relative even if the marriage has ended by death or divorce.