



FAMILY COURT OF THE FIJI ISLANDS

OVERSEAS ORDERS

Can I register an Overseas Order in a Fiji Court?

Yes, the Courts across the Fiji Islands have the power to enforce orders that are made about children in overseas courts.

What is the definition of “child”?

A child is a person under the age of 18 years.

What is a care order?

A care order is an order about the care, welfare and development of the child.

These overseas orders will decide

- where a child will live – a Residence Order
- who a child can see – a Contact Order

or may change where the child will live or who the child will see.

The Courts in Fiji will register these orders from overseas. This will make the overseas orders the same as orders from the Fiji Courts.

Can the Fiji Court make any more orders for the child?

If a Court in Fiji has registered the overseas order it cannot make other orders for a child unless:-

- Each person who is looking after the child agrees for the Court to make an order, or
- There are really good reasons about the care, welfare or development of the child.

When will the Court make an order for a child?

The Court will only make an order: -

- If the child is at risk without the order, or
- The circumstances for the child have changed so much that a new order is necessary.

How will the new order affect the overseas order?

A new order will cancel the registration of the overseas order.

The law also sets out the relationship between orders made in Fiji and registered overseas orders. Please seek help from a lawyer.

Can I register orders about children made in the Fiji Courts if I go overseas?

Yes, it is possible to have an order made in the Fiji Courts about children registered in overseas courts.

You will need help with this. Please speak to your local Court Registry staff for the names of people who may help you.

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