



**CLEARANCE CHART FOR CERTIFIED
OR APPROVED FOSTER HOMES**

Stage	Population	Criminal History Records (DCJS and FBI) ¹	Statewide Central Register (SCR) ²	Staff Exclusion List (SEL)
Initial application for certification or approval ³ and Re-openings of certified or approved foster homes ⁴	Prospective Foster Parent(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Persons 18 years of age or older residing in the home of the prospective foster parent(s) <i>(*includes persons in foster care 18 years of age or older)</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Annual renewal of certification or approval ⁵	Foster Parent(s)	No	No	No
	Persons 18 years of age or older who reside in the home of the certified or approved foster parent(s) <i>(*includes persons in foster care 18 years of age or older)</i>	Required if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a person residing in the foster home turns age 18 after the preceding certification or approval; or a person 18 years of age or older comes to reside in the foster home after the preceding certification or approval; and the person did not have a DCJS and FBI criminal history check completed previously. 	No	No
Any time after the certification or approval of the original foster parent ⁶	Adult spouse who enters the home and applies for certification or approval as a certified or approved foster parent	Yes	Yes	Yes

¹ See 16-OCFS-ADM-20.

² SCR check includes NYS SCR check and out of state SCR checks of persons who resided in another state within 5 years of the initial application or application for reopening.

³ 18 NYCRR 443.7

⁴ 18 NYCRR 443.10

⁵ 18 NYCRR 443.10

⁶ 18 NYCRR 443.10(c)