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Guyana: Documentation required and procedures to be followed by a parent wishing to travel abroad with a minor child in the absence, or without the consent, of the second parent (2003-July 2005)  
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

The Website of the Guyana Consulate General in Toronto provided the following information on the requirements for the issuance of a Guyanese passport to a minor (Guyana n.d.a). All minors under 18 years of age who wish to apply for a passport must "have the written consent of the father or the other legal guardian" (ibid.). In addition, the "birth certificate (if born in Guyana) or Statement of Live Birth (if born in Canada) and father's passport should be submitted, or otherwise a legal document to prove legal guardianship along with [the] passport of [the] legal guardian" (ibid.).

The entry/exit requirements section of the travel report on Guyana found on the Foreign Affairs Canada Website mentioned that

[a]ny adult travelling with children may be required to show evidence of parental/custodial and/or access rights. Foreign and Canadian authorities may also require evidence that the adult has the consent of the parents, legal guardian, and/or the court to travel with the children (Canada 29 July 2005).

No additional or corroborating information could be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

### References

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### **Additional Sources Consulted**

**Internet sites, including:** Government Information Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office of the President, United States - Consular Information Sheet and Reciprocity Schedule.

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