



INFORMATION about the Child Support Recalculation Service

Family Justice

The Child Support Recalculation Service helps parents maintain a fair standard of support for their children. This assistance is provided when child support is ordered by the court or included in filed written agreements that are registered with the service. The amount of child support is reviewed annually and usually updated if there is a change in the income of the person ordered to pay support.

Which orders or agreements are recalculated?

The Child Support Recalculation Service recalculates child support orders and written agreements, which permit recalculation and are filed with the Provincial, Supreme, and Unified Family Courts. This service applies to orders and written agreements that are filed with the court on or after April 1, 2007 (except for previous orders made under the Western Child Support Service Regulations).

What you need to do after your order or written agreement is registered with the Child Support Recalculation Service.

- Each year, payors and some recipients of child support are requested to provide updated income tax information. This information is used to recalculate child support. When the service does not receive the requested income tax information, recalculation is based on a 10% increase to the payors income indicated on the most recent court order.
- You must notify the service of changes to your mailing address and phone number. If you do not inform the service about your up-to-date contact information, you might not receive notification when child support is recalculated and filed with the court.

How do you find out about the results of the recalculation?

After reviewing updated income tax information, the recalculation office uses the Child Support Guidelines tables to recalculate the child support amount. If the recalculation results in a change of at least \$5, the new child support amount is noted in a *Notice of Recalculation*, which is mailed to both parents.

What happens if you do not agree with the recalculated amount?

- After receipt of the Notice of Recalculation you may file a Notice of Objection that is attached to the Notice of Recalculation with the court that made the original order. You will have 30 days from the date you receive the Notice of Recalculation to do so. You will then be given a date and time by registered mail from the court of when to appear in court to advise of your objection to the recalculated amount. The judge will then decide on the new support amount.
- If no Notice of Objection is filed with the court, the new child support amount stated in the Notice of Recalculation will come into force.

Applying to court to vary a child support order.

At any time during the recalculation process, parents may apply to court to vary an existing child support order. Recalculation clerks keep parents informed about how such applications will affect the recalculation of child support.

Did you know that services to recalculate your child support are free of charge?

There are no fees to parents for the services they receive from the Child Support Recalculation Service.

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