

Child Support Recalculation Service

The Child Support Recalculation Service is part of the Family Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. The Recalculation Service can administratively update child support payments to reflect changes in income, without burdening families with the time and expense of pursuing those adjustments through the court process. Recalculation only applies to child support payments on a go forward basis. Section 7 (extra-ordinary) expenses, arrears or retroactive payments are not affected by a recalculation decision.



Who can apply?

Anyone who pays or receives child support as part of a court order or agreement can apply by completing an application form if eligibility requirements are met. The eligibility list and application form are available at www.saskatchewan.ca/child-support-recalculation. A copy of the current court order or agreement is required by the Recalculation Service. There is no cost to apply.

How are child support payments recalculated?

Parents have an obligation to disclose changes in their income to ensure child support payments are up to date. A payor is required to provide a financial statement, income tax information for the most recent tax year, and pay stubs and statements of earnings from all income sources for the current year. An assessment will be completed to determine a payor's gross annual income. The Federal Child Support Guidelines are applied to calculate the child support amount. Child support payments may increase, decrease or result in no change depending on the income of the payor.

What happens if income information is not provided?

If a payor does not send income information, the Recalculation Service may request information from a third party, like an employer, or complete a recalculation by deeming income. Deemed income is determined by applying the payor's income stated in the court order or agreement and calculating an increase of 10-30% depending on how much time has elapsed since the agreement or order was granted. The child support payment is calculated based on the increased income.

How will I know if my child support payments are recalculated?

A recalculation decision provides the income of the payor used to determine the recalculated child support amount, and the date on which the first payment is due. The decision is forwarded to both parties and to the court. If the Maintenance Enforcement Office has an active file, a copy is sent to that office.

Can I dispute the recalculation decision?

A recipient or payor may apply to court if they do not agree with the recalculated amount. If a court application is commenced within 30 days of receiving a recalculation decision, the decision is suspended. Payments continue according to the court order or agreement until the matter is resolved by the court.

What if I don't want to participate?

If one parent applies for a recalculation, the other parent is enrolled. Both parents are required to provide consent if the payor has no income or one parent resides outside of Saskatchewan.

Annual adjustments

Either parent can re-apply for a recalculation by providing an application form at least six months after the most recent court order, agreement or recalculation decision.

For more information visit the website:

www.saskatchewan.ca/child-support-recalculation

or

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