

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Department of Justice and Public Safety

The Child Support Recalculation Office helps parents maintain a fair standard of support for their children. This service is provided when child support is ordered by a court, or set out in an agreement that has been filed with a court. The monthly amount of child support payable is reviewed annually and updated if there is a change in the income of the person who is paying child support.

Please note that this pamphlet is intended as general information only. It does not contain a complete statement of the law. If you require legal advice regarding a specific situation, you should contact a lawyer.

**How do I register
for this service?**

- After a child support order or agreement that includes a recalculation clause has been filed with a court, the court will provide a copy to the Recalculation Office.

**What is required of
the parents?**

- The parent who is required to pay child support must provide the Recalculation Office with their updated income information on an annual basis. This information is used to recalculate the monthly amount of child support. If the Office receives satisfactory income information, then the Office will change the child support amount to reflect the child support table amount that corresponds to the updated income.
- Both parents must notify the Office of any change to their contact information (address, phone number, e-mail, etc.) within 10 days of such change.

What happens if the paying parent's income information is not provided?

- If the parent required to pay child support does not provide satisfactory income information to the Recalculation Office within the required timeframe, the Recalculation Office will calculate the gross annual income of the paying parent to be the income amount on which the most recent child support order, agreement, or recalculation notice was based, plus either:
 - (a) 10% of that income where the court order or agreement was filed before March 1, 2018; or
 - (b) 20% of that income where the court order, agreement, or recalculation notice was filed on or after March 1, 2018.

How will I be notified about the recalculated child support amount?

- After reviewing the new income information, the Recalculation Office will apply the Child Support Guidelines tables to determine the new monthly child support amount. If the recalculation results in a change of at least \$5.00 per month, the new child support amount is set out in a Recalculation Notice which will be sent to the parents, the court, and the Director of Support Enforcement.

What happens if I disagree with the recalculated amount?

- If you wish to dispute the recalculated amount of child support, you must file a Notice of Objection with the court and the Recalculation Office within the time frame set out in the Recalculation Notice. The Notice of Objection should set out the reason(s) why you are objecting to the new amount of child support. The court will advise you of a hearing date. The judge will then determine what amount of child support is appropriate.

Can I still apply to court to vary a child support order?

- At any time during the recalculation process, a parent may apply to a court to seek a variation of an existing child support order, or an agreement that has previously been filed with the court, if there has been a change of circumstances.

Is there a fee for recalculation services?

- No. These services are provided free of charge to parents.

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