

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION SHEET – ADULT CHILD
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Child Support Enforcement Eligibility – Adult Child

The Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) is authorized to review the enforcement eligibility for an adult child and cease enforcement for that child unless it can be determined that the child is unable to live independently because of illness, disability or other reason such as attending secondary or post-secondary studies.

Support recipient responsibilities and involvement

Support recipients are required to notify MEP if they have reason to believe the child support is no longer eligible for enforcement for an adult child. A support recipient can provide that information in writing identifying the date the adult child is/was no longer eligible for enforcement and include their file number along with signature and/or MEP Personal Identification Number (PIN). The Child Support Enforcement Eligibility Form can also be used to provide the information to MEP.

MEP will also conduct periodic reviews with a support recipient to obtain information necessary to establish continued child support enforcement eligibility for an adult child.

Support payor responsibilities and involvement

A support payor who is paying child support for an adult child may request an enforcement eligibility review. A request can be submitted by providing information and supporting documentation relating to whether the support obligation for the adult child remains eligible for enforcement using the Child Support Enforcement Eligibility Review Request form.

How a MEP file is affected

If a support recipient withdraws the requirement for support for a child or a determination is made that an adult child is no longer eligible for enforcement, MEP will adjust the parties' file to remove enforcement for that child. If the file has multiple children of which some remain eligible for enforcement, the account will be adjusted based upon the Child Support Guidelines amount for the remaining children at the income level for the support payor identified in the support order or agreement.

A file adjustment will not be completed if the support recipient provides sufficient information that the adult child remains eligible for enforcement of child support.

Support orders granted prior to 1996 cannot be adjusted if the child support payable does not specify an amount per child unless the support recipient provides the amount of support to be enforced.

Child support payments assigned to Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) prior to July 1, 2019 will not be adjusted for even if the child support was no longer eligible for enforcement prior to July 1, 2019.

Resumption of support payments for an adult child

If MEP has ceased enforcement for an adult child and the support recipient subsequently provides information that satisfies MEP that the support obligation for the adult child remains eligible for enforcement MEP may resume enforcement. This is limited to enforcing payments due less than 60 days before the date the support recipient provides that information.

A support recipient can provide that information in writing identifying the date the adult child was eligible for enforcement, the reason the child is eligible, and include their file number along with signature and/or MEP Personal Identification Number (PIN). For convenience the Child Support Enforcement Eligibility Form can also be used to provide the information to MEP.

Notification to the parties on the MEP file

The parties will receive written notification of the outcome of a review and information on any updated child support terms and/or the arrears balance.