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Waive/Opt Out of Late Payment Penalties (LPPs)

The Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) is required to assess Late Payment Penalties (LPPs) against outstanding support arrears owed to a support recipient on a MEP file. LPPs are assessed against the daily support arrears balance on a file at a rate of 18% per annum and are payable to the support recipient on that MEP file.

Support recipients have the option to opt-out or waive LPPs. Opting out of LPPs stops the assessment of LPPs on any support arrears that accumulate on their file.

At the time a support order is registered for enforcement, or at any subsequent time, the support recipient may opt out of the assessment of penalties. At registration, a support recipient can opt out of LPPs as identified in the support recipient registration forms. Subsequent to registration, a support recipient can request to opt out of LPPs by completing and submitting the Waive/Opt Out of Late Payment Penalties form.

A support recipient also has the option to waive the right to receive a portion or all of the LPPs already assessed on their file. A request to waive LPPs that already exist on their file can be made by completing the Waive/Opt Out of Late Payment Penalties form.

Cancelling the Opt-out of Late Payment Penalties

Any LPP cancelled by a waiver or not collected during the period a support recipient opted out of LPP cannot be re-instated.

A support recipient may cancel the opt out of LPPs by completing and submitting the Cancellation of Opt Out of Late Payment Penalties form. Their file will be adjusted to commence with assessing LPPs as of the date the Cancellation of Opt Out of Late Payment Penalties form is received by MEP.