

FAQs - Child Support

How much child support will I have to pay?

Your child support calculations are based on the Federal Child Support Guidelines, which set the base amount of Section 3 child support based on the number of children and your total income for the most recent taxation year. (Usually Line 150 Income on your last Income Tax Return/ Notice of Assessment)

Are there any expenses that are not covered by child support?

In addition to Section 3 child support, there can be Section 7 expenses, which include daycare costs, uninsured medical and dental expenses, extraordinary expenses for primary and secondary school, extraordinary expenses for extracurricular activities and expenses for post-secondary education. Section 7 expenses are usually shared by the parents on a proportionate basis, as a percentage of their respective incomes (For example: If Parent "A" earns 60% of the combined incomes of both parents, Parent "A" will pay 60% of the Section 7 expenses)

The children stay with me in the summer. Can I stop paying child support?

No. You must continue paying child support unless there is an Agreement or Order that states you are not required to pay child support while the children are in your care.

Do I stop paying child support when my child turns age 18?

You must continue to pay child support for so long as your child remains a child of the marriage, as defined by the Divorce Act. If your child has turned age 18, has finished High School and is not pursuing further education and is not dependent due to disability, child support may come to an end. However, if your child is over the age of 18 and is enrolled full time in post-secondary education, is obtaining passing grades, and is living full time with the other parent, you will likely still have to pay child support. You may also have to continue to pay child support if your child is over the age of 18, but is unable to become self-sufficient due to illness or disability.

Can I reduce my child support if I have more children with another partner?

It is unlikely that you will be able to reduce your existing child support obligations by having more children.