



➔ New rules about child support payments

There are new rules for people who don't pay the child and spousal support a judge has ordered them to pay. If you're already meeting your obligations, these changes will not affect you.

The *Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act* allows the Maintenance Enforcement office to take steps to collect the child and spousal support people have been ordered to pay.



If you owe money, please contact Maintenance Enforcement today to make arrangements to pay. If you're not paying your support, the Maintenance Enforcement office will have the ability to:

- Suspend your driver's license
- Report you to the credit bureau
- Garnish your registered savings plans, such as RRSPs
- Garnish 50% of your joint bank accounts
- Publicly advertise using your photo and personal information
- Take other steps to enforce payment of the money owing

All across Canada and in many other countries, similar laws are in place.

If you can't pay off the entire amount of your arrears, the Maintenance Enforcement office can help you with a suitable payment arrangement.

If you cannot afford to pay the ongoing obligation, or if you think a judge has ordered you to pay the wrong amount, please seek legal advice. Maintenance Enforcement can't change the court-ordered amount.



You can find out more at www.justice.gov.nt.ca/mep or by calling 920-3378 or toll free 1-800-661-0798.



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