



Are You Eligible for a Modification?

If your current support order is less than three years old, we can only perform a review of your case if one of the following criteria has been met (**appropriate documentation will be required**):

- If the existing order established a minimum or reduced amount of support due to the unemployment or underemployment of one of the parties, and that party is no longer unemployed or underemployed.
- If either party to the order has become unemployed or been laid off, the unemployment or lay off is beyond the party's control, and the unemployment or lay off has continued uninterrupted for 30 consecutive days.
- If either party has become unemployed due to a plant closing or mass lay off as defined in the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN).
- If either party has become permanently disabled, reducing his or her earning ability. The CSEA will require medical documentation of the disabling condition.
- If either party has been institutionalized and cannot pay support for the duration of the child's minority and no income or assets are available to the party which could be attached for support.
- If either party is incarcerated (after being sentenced) for more than 180 days.
- If either party has experienced a 30% decrease beyond the party's control, or a 30% increase in income or assets for a period of at least six months and which can reasonably be expected to continue.
- If the order is not in compliance with the Ohio guidelines due to the termination of the support obligation for a child of the existing order.
- If there is an administrative order over which the court has not taken jurisdiction, to consolidate children of the same parents for whom a duty of support has been established into a single administrative order in compliance with the guidelines.
- If either party requests access to available or improved health insurance coverage for the child.
- If either party has experienced an increase or decrease in the cost of child care or ordered health insurance coverage, if the resulting calculation changed the existing support obligation by more than 10%.
- If private health insurance being provided is no longer available at a reasonable cost and/or accessible.

- The obligor's annual gross income is now below 150% of the federal poverty level and should therefore no longer be ordered to pay cash medical support (orders issued prior to March 28, 2019).
- If the obligor is a member of the uniformed services and is called to active military service for a period of more than 30 days.
- If an obligor who received a temporary support order adjustment has notified the CSEA that the obligor's term of active military service has ended, and the obligor has provided written documentation sufficient to establish that the obligor's employer has violated the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.

What specific situations would make my case ineligible for modification?

- We will not proceed with an administrative review of a case if the issue of modifying the support amount is currently pending before the court.
- We may not be able to modify when the location of the obligor is unknown.
- We cannot modify in cases where the underlying order is not a Montgomery County order. In these cases, however, we will assist you by forwarding your request to the appropriate agency.
- We cannot modify a case that is arrears only.
- We cannot modify spousal support.
- We cannot modify if neither party lives in Ohio without the consent of both parties.