

MODIFYING CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS

Should you ask the court to change your child support order?

It depends on how much your income or expenses have changed.

The court is not likely to adjust your order if the ONLY change since your last order is:

- You had a new baby with someone else
- You believe the other parent doesn't need the money
- You or the other parent recently married or divorced
- Your minor child no longer lives with the other parent
- Your minor child has had a baby.

The court MIGHT adjust your order if any of these things changed since your last order:

- You or the other parent earn more or less money than before
- Your expenses have gone up because of unusual circumstances
- Your medical insurance has changed
- You quit your job to go back to school
- You receive the support and lost your job through no fault of your own.

The court very likely CAN adjust your order if any of these changes happened to you since your last order:

- You owe the support and the minor child now lives with you
- You owe the support and lost your job through no fault of your own
- You owe the support and are in prison
- You now receive public assistance
- You receive support and believe the other parent has a much better paying job
- One or more of your children turned 18 and are not in high school.