

Help for Displaced Workers

CALIFORNIA'S CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM: A Resource for Parents ...



Have you lost your job, or have your work hours been cut?
If so, local child support agencies are ready to help you.

■ Changing Your Child Support Amount

California law allows for modification (adjustment) of a child support order when there is a change of circumstances. A new court order must be filed with the court to change the amount of child support due and will be effective on the date ordered by the court. Changes to your court order do not happen automatically when you lose your job or your pay is reduced and cannot be backdated to the date of the change in your income.

If a modification is requested, the amount of child support ordered may go up or down. For more information on how child support is calculated, see our brochure titled, "How is the Amount of My Child Support Determined".

■ When should I consider a modification?

You can ask for a modification if one or more of the following circumstances change:

- You lose your job.
- You are deployed to active military duty.

■ How do I ask for a modification?

Contact your local child support agency at: 1(866) 901-3212, or <http://www.childsup.ca.gov/Home/LCSAOffices/tabid/301/Default.aspx>. Tell them you are interested in a Review and Adjustment of your child support order.

■ What do I need to provide?

In order for a local child support agency to review your case for a possible modification, you will need to provide information such as:

- Income from any source such as including salaries, retirement income, unemployment benefits/severance package, social security and disability benefits.
- Custody and visitation arrangements
- Expenses including child care



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