



# Order Termination

## Can I Have My Child Support Order Terminated?

The child support enforcement agency (CSEA) can **ONLY** recommend termination of a Child Support Order for the following reasons:

- The child reaches the age of 18 after withdrawing or graduating from high school
- The child previously attained the age of 18 and has graduated or is no longer attending an accredited high school on a full time basis
- The child's marriage
- The child's emancipation
- The child's enlistment in the military
- The child's adoption or deportation
- Change of **legal** custody of the child
- The obligor's death
- The child's death
- The child reaches the age of 19 unless otherwise noted in a court order
- Obligor and obligee are married and reside together with the child

If your case meets any of the above circumstances, you may request termination of your support order by contacting your local CSEA. An application for child support services may be required. You may also contact your local court if you believe a reason not included in the above list exists.

## What Happens During The Termination Process?

The CSEA shall complete an administrative termination investigation to determine whether the child support order should terminate.

During the administrative termination investigation, the CSEA shall determine whether:

- Any termination reason exists
- There are other minor children subject to the support order
- The obligor owes any past due support or other balances
- It is necessary to continue income withholding for other minor children or past due support
- Amounts paid pursuant to the child support order being investigated should be impounded (held) because the continued receipt and disbursement would lead to an overpayment by the obligor



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## How Will I Be Notified If My Order Is Being Terminated?

When the termination of a current support order is being recommended for your child, the agency will issue a recommendation to both parties at their last known address. The recommendation may include:



- The date at which current support for the child will terminate
- Past due support, as well as any other past due balances, and monthly payment amounts
- Amount of current support for any remaining minor children
- Overpayments, if any exist

When the CSEA is aware that support is or may be overpaid, the CSEA may impound (hold) support paid pursuant to the child support order. The money will be released to the appropriate party following the termination process. Contact your local CSEA for more information.

When all obligations are paid in full, a recommendation to terminate the income withholding will be included.

## What Happens After The Recommendation Is Issued?

Both parties have **fourteen (14)** days from issuance of the termination recommendation to request an administrative hearing objecting to the recommendations. To request an



administrative hearing, you must submit a written request to the CSEA that issued the recommendation. A revised or terminated support order will not be issued until after the administrative hearing.

When neither party requests an administrative hearing objecting to the recommendations, the recommendations will be adopted by the CSEA or submitted to the court for inclusion in a revised or terminated support order.

**Contact your child support agency for more information if you have questions.**