

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 turns 18 years old after withdrawing or graduating from high school
- The child previously turned 18 years old 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 CSEA may also be able to recommend the termination of the support obligation if the parents are no longer separated, are residing together and supporting the child together. If your case meets any of the above circumstances, you may request termination of your support order by contacting your local CSEA. In addition you may also contact your local court if you believe another reason to terminate your support order 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 reasons exist
- There are other minor children subject to the support order
- The obligor owes any arrears or other balances
- It is necessary to continue income withholding for other minor children or arrears
- Amounts paid pursuant to the child support order being investigated should be impounded 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 notice to both parties at their last known address.

The notice 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 shall impound (or 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 Notice Is Issued?

Both parties have **thirty days** to request an administrative hearing objecting to the



recommendations contained in the notice. To request an administrative hearing, submit a written request to the CSEA. 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.

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