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Before you complete this form, call Services Australia on **131 272**.

We can discuss if this form is the right choice for you – there may be a quicker and simpler option.

When to use this form



Use this form to respond to the other party's application requesting a change to the child support assessment. As part of your response you can use this form to make a cross application if you, as a parent or non-parent carer, have special circumstances to take into account for your child support assessment. If you have more than one child support case, you must lodge a **separate** cross application for each case you want to change.

There are 10 reasons you can apply under to change your assessment.

For more information, see **Part C** at the end of this form.

Online account



You can access your Child Support online account through myGov. myGov is a secure way to access a range of government services online with one username and password. You can create a myGov account at **my.gov.au** and link your Child Support online account to it.

Evidence

You may provide appropriate evidence that supports your response or cross application. Providing a response to the application with missing information or incomplete answers could result in the return of your response or cross application. If your response contains obscene or offensive material, we **will not** proceed with the response or cross application.

Evidence we won't accept

We won't accept:

- anything offensive, abusive or derogatory or that is intended to abuse or degrade the other parent or children.
- statements from children including voice recordings, text messages and social media posts.
- information that might contribute to family and domestic violence.
- anything obtained illegally.

Filling in this form

You can complete this form on your computer using Adobe Acrobat Reader, and some browsers, or you can print it.

If you have a printed form:

- Use black or blue pen.
- Print in BLOCK LETTERS.
- Where you see a box like this  **Go to 1** skip to the question number shown.

For more information



Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/childsupport or call us on **131 272**.

Information in your language

For Child Support, call **131 272** (call charges may apply). Let us know if you need an interpreter and we will arrange one for free.

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/yourlanguage to read, listen to or watch information in your language.

Hearing and speech assistance

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use:

- the National Relay Service **1800 555 660**, or
- our TTY service on **1800 810 586**. You need a TTY phone to use this service.

For more help with communication, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au and search 'other support and advice'.

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The information on this page is confidential and will **not** be given to the other party.

Your confidential details

- 1** Your Customer Number or Case ID (if known)
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- 2** Your name
- Family name
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- First given name
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- Second given name
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- 3** Your date of birth (DD MM YYYY)
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- 4** Your permanent address
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| Postcode |
- 5** Your postal address (if different to above)
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| Postcode |
- 6** When is the best time for us to call you?
We will try to call you at this time.
- Day(s) of the week (Monday to Friday) and time (between 8:30 am and 4:45 pm, local time)
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- Your contact phone number (including area code for a landline)
-
- 7** Do you have a restraining, intervention or other protection order involving the other party?
- No
- Yes

8 Read this before answering the following question.

Services Australia will exchange your correspondence through the most effective means available. This may include by electronic means. See page 15 of 18 for more detailed Open Exchange of Information advice.

If you or the other party object to the decision, Services Australia will send any correspondence by electronic means.

Would you like to receive your correspondence for this process electronically?

No **Go to 9**

Yes Email address

Employer details

Only answer questions 9 to 11 if you are the natural or adoptive parent of the child(ren) in the assessment, otherwise go to **Part B**.

9 Are you employed?

No **Go to 11**

Yes **Go to next question**

10 Your employer's name

Your employer's address

Postcode

11 Do you own, or are you involved in a business, partnership, company or trust?

No **Go to Part B**

Yes Give details below

Business, partnership, company or trust name

Name of directors/partners/owners

Australian Business Number (ABN)

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If you need more space, provide a separate sheet with details.

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Response to Application to change your assessment Special circumstances (CS1971) Part B

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Case details

1 Do you have a court order in relation to this assessment?
No *Go to next question*
Yes Call us to discuss your options before completing the rest of this form.

2 Do you currently have a written child support agreement for this assessment?
No *Go to next question*
Yes Call us to discuss your options before completing the rest of this form.

3 Your name
Family name

First given name

Second given name

4 Your occupation

5 Other party's name
Family name

First given name

Second given name

6 Names of the child(ren) in the assessment

7 What is your response to the other party's claims in their application

Tick one only

- I accept the other party's claims *Go to next question*
- I do not know if the other party's claims are correct *Go to next question*
- I do not accept the other party's claims Give details and evidence below
- I partially accept the other party's claims Give details and evidence below

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Cross application

If you make a cross application, in most circumstances, any change to the assessment will be applicable from the date that your cross application is received. The other party will be asked to respond to your cross application in writing.

8 Do you want to make a cross application to have any special circumstances considered?

- No **Go to 13**
Yes **Go to next question**

9 Under which reason(s) are you making a cross application for a change of assessment?

For more information about the 10 reasons and evidence you need to give us with your cross application, refer to **Part C** at the end of this form.

You must tick at **least one** box to be eligible to apply

Reason 1 – The costs of spending time with or communicating with the child(ren) are more than 5% of my adjusted taxable income amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 2 – The child(ren) has special needs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 3 – There are extra costs in caring for, educating or training the child(ren) in the way both parents intended	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 4 – The child(ren) has income, an earning capacity, property and/or financial resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 5 – I have provided money, goods or property for the benefit of the child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 6 – The costs of child care for the child(ren) younger than 12 has changed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 7 – I have out of the ordinary, necessary expenses to support myself	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 8A – The assessment does not correctly reflect one or both parent's income, property, and/or financial resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 8B – The assessment does not correctly reflect one or both parent's earning capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 9 – I have a duty to support another person	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason 10 – I have a responsibility to support a resident child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>



You must provide copies of relevant evidence to support this cross application. Call us if you are not sure about any information or documents you want to provide.

10 Based on your reason(s) in question 9, briefly explain why you think the assessment should be changed.

For example, give details of additional costs, the amount and whether they are for you, for a child included in the assessment or another person.

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11 What period do you want changed in your cross application?

From (DD MM YYYY)

To (DD MM YYYY)

Not sure

12 If you are applying for a period before the date you lodged this cross application with us, state why you were unable to lodge it sooner.

If you need a review of periods that are more than 18 months before the date of this cross application, you must have a court order asking us to review that period.

13 What change do you think would make the assessment fairer?

Tick one only

Increase the annual rate of child support Increase to \$ per year

Decrease the annual rate of child support Decrease to \$ per year

Not sure

14 Are you the non-parent carer (for example, grandparent) of the child(ren) in the assessment?

No *Go to next question*

Yes **Go to 26**
You are not legally obliged to give us personal financial information if you are a non-parent carer.

Do not answer questions 15 to 25. Go to 26

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Your income details

Your income and financial resources must be reviewed to work out whether a change to your assessment is fair.

15 Give details of any **income** you receive.

Complete the gross income amount (income you earned before tax) **or** the net income amount (income you earned after tax) for each item that applies to you. Show the total amount per week, fortnight, month or year, including any one-off or irregular payments.

Income type	Gross (before tax)	or Net (after tax)
Salary or wage (including allowances)	\$ per	\$ per
Business income (including personal income derived from self-employment)	\$ per	\$ per
Termination payments (including payments made into superannuation on termination)	\$	\$
Government payments (including Centrelink and Department of Veterans' Affairs income support payments. Do not include Family Tax Benefit and any payments from the National Disability Insurance Scheme.)	\$ per	\$ per
Interest and dividends (including any income you receive from cash deposits, shares, managed investments)	\$ per	\$ per
Rental property income	\$ per	\$ per
Sale of property	\$	\$
Compensation or rehabilitation payments (including lump sum payments)	\$ per	\$ per
Superannuation payments (do not include amounts released as part of the First Home Super Saver Scheme)	\$ per	\$ per
Periodical payments by way of gift or allowances	\$ per	\$ per
Reportable fringe benefits Salary sacrifice or salary packaging includes any benefit received as part of earned income but not as a wage or salary (for example novated lease, use of a car as part of a salary package).	\$ per	\$ per
Target foreign income (including any income you receive from outside Australia)	\$ per	\$ per
Partnership distribution	\$ per	\$ per
Trust distribution – Give the name of trust 	\$ per	\$ per
Other income – Give details of this income (including royalties and any other income not listed above) 	\$ per	\$ per



Provide copies of documents including recent payslip(s) to verify your income. If you are self-employed, provide your most recent business financial statements.

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Your expenses and debts

16 Give details of your current **personal expenses** – we may ask you to provide evidence.

If your expenses are shared, only provide the amount of those expenses that are incurred by you. For example, you contribute 50% towards the cost of electricity. The electricity bill averages \$100 per month, so your share will be \$50.

Do not include expenses that are related to the operation of a business, company or trust.

	How often each expense is paid (for example per fortnight, month or year)	Amount owing Current balance	Limit
Debts – give the minimum payment required			
Credit card(s)	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Overdraft(s)	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Mortgage repayment	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____	
Personal loan(s)	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____	
Investment loan(s)	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____	
Other – Give details below (for example, Centrelink, taxation)			
_____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____	
Living costs			
Rent/board	\$ _____ per _____		
Rates (for example, council, water)	\$ _____ per _____		
Food	\$ _____ per _____		
Clothing	\$ _____ per _____		
Personal	\$ _____ per _____		
Medical insurance/bills	\$ _____ per _____		
Education expenses	\$ _____ per _____		
Utilities			
Electricity	\$ _____ per _____		
Phone	\$ _____ per _____		
Internet	\$ _____ per _____		
Gas	\$ _____ per _____		
Transport costs			
Fares	\$ _____ per _____		
Fuel	\$ _____ per _____		
Vehicle registration	\$ _____ per _____		
Insurance	\$ _____ per _____		
Other running expenses	\$ _____ per _____		
Other personal expenses – Give details below			
_____	\$ _____ per _____		

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Your assets (what you own)

17 Give details of **all accounts** held by you in banks, building societies or credit unions.

Include savings accounts, cheque accounts, term deposits, joint accounts, accounts you hold in trust or under any other name, or money held in church or charitable development funds.

Do not include an account used exclusively for funding from the National Disability Insurance Scheme.



Provide a copy of the statement for each account.

Type of account (for example, savings account)	Name of bank, building society or credit union	Balance	Your share
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %

If you need more space, provide a separate sheet with details.

18 Do you own or partly own any shares, bonds or other investments?

No **Go to next question**

Yes **Give details below**



Provide a copy of the policy document and latest statement for each investment.

Type of investment	Name of company	Current amount invested	Your share
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %

If you need more space, provide a separate sheet with details.

19 Do you have a life insurance policy that includes a savings or investment component?

No **Go to next question**

Yes **Give details below**

Name of insurance company	Policy number	Surrender value
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

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20 Do you own or partly own any real estate?

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below



Provide a copy of the rates notice and latest loan statement (if applicable).

Type of property (for example, family home, investment property)	Address of property	Current market value	Your share
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Postcode	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> Postcode	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %

If you need more space, provide a separate sheet with details.

21 Do you own or partly own any motor vehicles, motor cycles, trailers, boats, caravans or motor homes?

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below



Provide a copy of the latest loan statement (if applicable).

Type of asset (for example, car)	Make/Model (for example, Ford Focus)	Current market value	Your share
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %

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22 Do you have any **other** assets you have not already advised us about in this form?

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below



Provide a copy of the latest loan statement (if applicable).

Type of asset	Description	Current market value	Your share
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> %

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23 Do you have any superannuation?

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below

Name of institution/company	Policy number	Non-preserved amount
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

If you need more space, provide a separate sheet with details.

24 In the last 12 months have you given away, sold for less than their market value or surrendered a right to any cash, assets, property or income?

Include forgiven loans and shares in private companies.

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below

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If you need more space, provide a separate sheet with details.

25 Have you received a lump sum payment in the last 18 months or do you expect to receive a lump sum payment in the next 12 months?

Include:

- termination or redundancy payments
- separation certificates from an employer
- compensation
- insurance
- superannuation fund payments.

(Do not include amounts released as part of the First Home Super Saver Scheme.)

No Go to next question

Yes Give details below

Lump sum details	Date expected/date of payment (DD MM YYYY)	Amount
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

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Checklist

26 Which of the following documents are you providing with this form?

Where you are asked to supply documents, provide **copies** of the original documents.

If you are not sure, check the question to see if you should provide the documents.

Tick all that apply	
A copy of supporting evidence for this cross application (for all reasons ticked at question 9)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of supporting documents including recent payslip(s) to verify your income. If you are self-employed, provide your most recent business financial statements (for all income listed at question 15)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of the statement for each account (for all account(s) listed at question 17)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of the policy document and latest statement for each investment (if you answered Yes at question 18)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of documents (for example rates notice, loan statement) (if you answered Yes at question 20)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of documents (for example loan statement) (if you answered Yes at question 21)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of the latest loan statement (if you answered Yes at question 22)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Privacy notice

27 You need to read this

Privacy and your personal information

The privacy and security of your personal information is important to us, and is protected by law. We collect this information so we can process and manage your applications and payments, and provide services to you. We only share your information with other parties where you have agreed, or where the law allows or requires it. For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacypolicy

Declaration

28 I declare that:

- any personal information about a third party is provided with the knowledge of that third party.
- I have explained to the third party that:
 - Services Australia collects and may use their personal information for the purposes of my child support assessment

- the personal information contained in this form or supporting documents will be sent to both Services Australia and the other party (parent and/or non-parent carer) to my child support case.

- the information I have provided in this form is complete and correct.

I understand that:

- Services Australia can make relevant enquiries to make sure I receive the correct entitlement.
- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

I have read, understood and agree to the above.

Your signature

Date (DD MM YYYY)

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Next steps

To submit a complete cross application, you must ensure:

- 1 All parts of this form are complete.
- 2 You have selected one of the 10 Reasons at **question 9 on page 6** and provided more information for consideration.
- 3 You have completed separate forms if you are applying for more than one case.
- 4 You have provided income and expense information relating to yourself.
- 5 You have signed and dated this form.

If you do not provide **all of the above** it may result in your application being incomplete. We will still use the information as your response to the initial application.

Returning this form

Return **Part A** and **Part B** and a copy of all supporting documents:

- **online**, sign in to your Child Support online account or Express Plus Child Support mobile app and upload by selecting Upload documents. Select document type 'Change of assessment form/evidence'.
- by post to
Services Australia
Child Support
GPO Box 9815
MELBOURNE VIC 3001
- by fax to 1300 309 949

You should keep a copy of this form for your records.

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Applying for a change of assessment

- **You cannot be represented by a solicitor or another person for the change of assessment process.** While an authorised representative may make simple enquiries on your behalf or explain certain limited information, they cannot act on your behalf during this process.
- A copy of **Part B** and all supporting documents will be sent to the other party. The term 'other party' includes non-parent carers, where applicable.
- The other party can consent to receive correspondence electronically.
- The other party has the opportunity to respond and comment on this information before it is used by the decision maker.
- We will attempt to contact both parties about the response and cross application (if applicable). Be ready to discuss the other party's application, your response and your financial details when we call.
- Any change to the assessment will be applicable from the date that your cross application is received. In exceptional circumstances we are able to review a period up to 18 months before receiving your application. We can also review periods of up to 7 years from the lodgment of your cross application, but only if there is a court order instructing us to do so.
- Documents cannot be exchanged after a change of assessment decision has been made. If you require copies of documents after this time, you must make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.
- A written copy of this decision will be sent to both parties.
- For more information about the change of assessment in special circumstances, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/cschangeofassessment

Evidence we won't accept

We won't accept:

- anything offensive, abusive or derogatory or is intended to abuse or degrade the other parent or children.
- statements from children including voice recordings, text messages and social media posts.
- information that might contribute to family and domestic violence.
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Reason 1

The costs of spending time with or communicating with the child(ren) is more than 5% of your adjusted taxable income amount.

These costs might include transport, accommodation and phone calls but do not include things such as food, clothing or entertainment. If you care for the child(ren) at least 52 nights a year, travel is the only cost that we can consider under reason 1. This is because we already include the costs in the formula we used to work out your assessment.

Example 1: You have the child for four weeks at Christmas and you have to pay the cost of travelling to visit and for accommodation for both of you. You also ring and email regularly. You may be able to claim costs for travel, accommodation, phone and internet.

Example 2: You have the children two nights a week but you have to travel a long distance to spend this time with them. You may be able to claim travel costs.

Evidence you can show us:

- a court order or parenting plan
- receipts for expenses such as airfares, accommodation or petrol
- an estimate of future costs.

Reason 2

The child(ren) has special needs.

If the child(ren) has special needs, you might incur out of the ordinary costs in meeting those needs. Special needs could include physical and/or mental health issues, learning difficulty/disability, impairment, unusual condition, and/or special talents, which are out of the ordinary. Only claim actual costs after deducting rebates, refunds, allowances and any payments you receive from Medicare, your insurer or the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

You cannot claim normal day to day expenses like food, clothing or medical care.

Example 1: The child needs orthodontic work and this means you have additional expenses.

Example 2: The child has a disability and there are high costs associated with this.

Evidence you can show us:

- medical evidence about the child's condition, treatment and what it costs
- receipts, for example, Medicare or pharmacy summary and rebate details
- an estimate of future costs.

Reason 3

There are extra costs in caring for, educating or training the child(ren) in the way both parents intended.

Both parents must have intended for the child(ren) to be cared for, educated or trained in a particular way.

Example: Both parents planned for the child to attend a private school.

Evidence you can show us:

- school application or enrolment forms signed by both parents
- school fee statement or invoice and receipts
- a parenting plan, court order or other evidence of what you both planned.

Reason 4

The child(ren) has income, an earning capacity, property and/or financial resources.

The financial resource(s) of a child must be sufficient to reduce the need for parental support. This cannot include any Centrelink income support payments.

Example 1: The child is working and earning a full-time income.

Example 2: The child is working and earning a full-time income or an income that exceeds the maximum rate of Youth Allowance.

Evidence you can show us:

- a payslip or the name of the employer for the child
- other evidence showing the income of the child.

If you do not have evidence, you can tell us how you know the child is earning an income or has other financial resources.

Reason 5

You have provided money, goods or property for the benefit of the child(ren).

You can only claim payments that have been made for the benefit of the child(ren) in addition to the child support assessment.

Example: You are paying the whole of the mortgage on the house where the child(ren) live until property settlement has occurred.

Evidence you can show us:

- court orders or agreements showing a transfer of money, goods or property specifically for the benefit of the child(ren)
- receipts showing payments you have made to third parties specifically for the benefit of the child(ren).

Call us on **131 272** to discuss any payments you have made directly to the other party or to a third party for the benefit of the child(ren). You may be eligible for immediate recognition of these payments.

Reason 6

The costs of child care for child(ren) younger than 12.

This applies to children of the assessment only. The costs must be:

- more than 5% of your adjusted taxable income if you are a parent, or
- at least 25% of the costs of the child(ren) if you are a non-parent carer.

Both these amounts are on your assessment notice.

You can only claim actual costs after getting any rebates, refunds or other assistance.

Example: You have high child care expenses.

Evidence you can show us:

- receipts for child care payments
- statements of rebates, benefits and government support
- enrolment forms.

Reason 7

You have out of the ordinary necessary expenses to support yourself.

You must tell us:

- why the costs are necessary, and
- what makes them special.

Example: You have high personal medical expenses.

Evidence you can show us:

- documents confirming your income such as payslips
- receipts for out of ordinary medical costs
- medical report or certificate from a medical practitioner to confirm the existence of a condition
- proposed treatment plan, costs, payment plan and applicable health rebates, including evidence of any payments you receive under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Reason 8

You may apply under either A or B or both

A – The assessment does not correctly reflect one or both parent’s income, property and/or financial resources.

Example 1: The income of one parent is significantly higher or lower than that used in the child support assessment.

Example 2: The other parent has significant financial resources which are not taken into account in the child support assessment.

Example 3: The other parent works for themselves and the adjusted taxable income does not reflect their actual financial resources.

Evidence you can show us:

- payslips
- profit and loss statements, balance sheets, depreciation schedule.

If your income has **dropped by 15% or more**, you may be able to give us an income estimate instead. Call us on **131 272** to discuss.

B – The assessment does not correctly reflect one or both parent’s capacity to earn an income.

You can apply if the child support assessment is adversely affected because the income amount used for the other parent does not reflect their greater earning capacity. The other parent may be deliberately not earning income despite ample opportunity to do so, or may have significantly reduced their income, and this is not justified by their caring responsibilities, state of health or another reason unrelated to child support.

Example 1: The other parent has reduced their working hours from full-time to part-time to minimise the amount of child support they pay.

Example 2: The other parent has ceased employment because they do not want to pay child support.

Evidence you can show us:

- documents showing that a party has demonstrated experience, skills or qualifications in a trade, profession or field of expertise
- documents showing job opportunities in the party’s trade, profession or field of expertise
- documents showing that a party’s decisions regarding employment do not relate to their caring responsibilities or state of health.

Reason 9

You have a duty to support another person.

Your capacity to support a child(ren) of the assessment is significantly reduced because of:

- your duty to support another person or a child(ren) not of the assessment
- the special needs of that person or child(ren).

You may be supporting another child, paying spousal maintenance or supporting a partner living with you who cannot support themselves.

If the child is already included in your assessment as a relevant dependent child, this reason cannot apply unless they have special needs.

Example: Your current partner is financially dependent on you because they are unable to support themselves due to a medical condition.

Evidence you can show us:

- court orders
- proof of payments made to support that person
- information on why they cannot support themselves.

Reason 10

You have a responsibility to support a resident child(ren).

You may have re-partnered and have a step child(ren) who you are supporting. This can only be considered where your step child(ren)’s parents are unable to financially support them.

A child is a **resident child** if they:

- are younger than 18
- are not a member of a couple
- are not legally your child
- live with you most of the time
- are the child of your partner who has been living with you for 2 years in a row, and the child’s legal parents are unable to support the child.

Example: You have a responsibility to support your step child(ren) because your partner is unwell and unable to work and the child(ren)’s other parent has passed away.

Evidence you can show us:

- that the legal parents cannot support the child
- information about the child’s need for financial help.