

**MAKING A SUPPORT OR SUPPORT VARIATION APPLICATION OUTSIDE BRITISH COLUMBIA
- FormSelect – CHOOSING WHICH FORMS TO USE -**

Introduction

British Columbia has reciprocal agreements with all the Canadian provinces and territories, and with several foreign countries. These are ‘reciprocating jurisdictions’. This means that BC and each of the ‘reciprocating jurisdictions’ have agreed to recognize the family support (maintenance) orders and agreements made in the other place. An order or written agreement made in one place is ‘good’ in the other.

The BC law about reciprocity is the **Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act**, which is called ‘ISO’ as a short form. Each of the reciprocating jurisdictions has very similar ISO laws.

Using ISO, you can apply for a support order in one of the reciprocating jurisdictions without having to go there. You can also apply to change an existing support order. A person in one of the reciprocating jurisdictions can do the same thing. The person making the application does not usually have to go to court – the respondent (the person in the reciprocating jurisdiction) goes to court to *respond* to the application.

There are several forms available for applications using the ISO laws. Not all of the forms are needed for every application. By answering a few questions, you can pick the forms that you need.

1. Where does the other person (the respondent) live? _____

2. Is this a ‘reciprocating jurisdiction’?

Look at the list in the box below. If the respondent lives in one of the reciprocating jurisdictions, go on to the next question. If your answer is ‘no’, you cannot use ISO laws.

Reciprocating Jurisdictions – arranged geographically	
<p>In Canada All Canadian Provinces and Territories</p> <p>In the United States of America All US States, and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the US Virgin Islands</p> <p>In the United Kingdom of Great Britain (*) Any UK country: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Guernsey, Jersey, Isle of Man</p> <p>In Europe Republic of Austria Federal Republic of Germany Gibraltar Kingdom of Norway</p> <p>In Africa Republic of South Africa Republic of Zimbabwe</p>	<p>In Asia Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region Republic of Singapore</p> <p>In the Oceans Barbados Fiji Independent State of Papua New Guinea New Zealand (including Cook Islands) (*)</p> <p>Australia (*) Australian Capital Territory New South Wales Northern Territory Queensland South Australia Tasmania Victoria Western Australia</p>
<p>(*) - Note: The United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia, require special forms. They are <i>not</i> available on the BC website. If your application is to one of these places, mail <i>this</i> form to the Reciprocity Office. See other side.</p>	

3. What are you applying for? Which of these statements applies to you?

- I want to get an order for support for children, and/or myself. I *do not* have an order or written agreement which deals with support. Fill out Section **A** on the other side of this page.
- I want to change an order or agreement that deals with support for children and/or myself. I am the person who **receives** support in the order or agreement I have now. Fill out Section **B** on the other side of this page.
- I want to change or cancel the support in an order or agreement I have now. I am the person who is required to **pay** support in the order of agreement I have now. Fill out Section **C** on the other side of this page.
- I want to change or cancel the support in my Divorce order. *(If this statement applies to you, you cannot use ISO laws for your application. The Divorce Act is a federal law and it has its own rules. Please get legal advice on how to change or cancel the support in your Divorce order.)*

Section A

Support Application – if you do not have a support order now	✓ if yes	Use Form(s)	Office use only
I am applying for a support order		A and B	
I am asking for support for (<i>how many</i>) children under age 19 (_____)		E	
I am asking for support for 1 or more children age 19 or older, or - the other parent and I have split custody of a child, or - the other parent and I have shared custody of a child, or - I am asking for a different amount than in the child support guidelines tables, or - I believe the respondent makes more than \$150,000 per year		L G	
I am asking for additional child support, to cover special expenses		H	
I am asking that the respondent (the other person) be declared a parent of a child or children		C	
I believe the respondent may say he/she is not the parent of a child or children		D	
I want the court to make an order even if the respondent does not come to court, or give financial information (<i>recommended</i>)		F	
I am asking for support for myself		J and K	

Section B

Support Variation Application – if you receive support	✓ if yes	Use Form(s)	Office use only
I am applying to change a support order I have now		A, B, M	
I want to change the amount of child support		E, F	
I want child support for (<i>how many</i>) children age 19 or older (_____)		G and L	
I am asking that the amount of support change. - the respondent and I have split, or shared, custody, or - the child support guidelines table amount would cause hardship, or - I believe the respondent makes more than \$150,000 per year		G	
I want to change, or add, an amount for special expenses		H	
I want to change the amount of support for myself		J and F	
If my choice includes any of Forms G, H, or J		K	

Section C

Support Variation Application – if you pay support	✓ if yes	Use Form(s)	Office use only
I am applying to change or cancel a support order I have now		A, B, K, M	
I want the court to make an order even if the respondent does not come to court, or give financial information (<i>recommended</i>)		F	
I want to change, or end, support for a child age 19 or older		I	
I am asking that the amount of support change. - the respondent and I have split, or shared, custody, or - the child support guidelines table amount would cause hardship.		I	

You have now identified which forms you need to make your application to a court in a ‘reciprocating jurisdiction’. Each of the forms has a matching FormSupport guide which will help you fill in the forms. There are two ways to get the forms and guides:

- Go to the BC Family Justice website at <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/family-justice/index.htm>
Look under ‘Who Can Help’, and choose ‘Interjurisdictional Support Orders’. Then print the forms and guides you need, or
- Send *this* form to:
**RECIPROCALLS OFFICE
VANCOUVER MAIN OFFICE BOXES
P.O. BOX 2074
VANCOUVER BC V6B 3S3**

The Office will mail you the forms and guides.

If you want the forms and guides mailed to you, print:

Your name:		
Your mailing address:		
Postal code:		
Your daytime telephone number:		
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