# LEGAL SEPARATION WITH CHILDREN

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## The Court Order

Part 4: To get the Legal Separation Order
(Instruction Packet)

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## Part 4: Court Order for Legal Separation (Instructions Only)

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# INSTRUCTIONS: HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR LEGAL SEPARATION -- WITH CHILDREN ORDER

**Use these instructions only with the "Decree of Legal Separation-- With Children." If there are no minor children, by birth or adoption, common to you and your spouse, use the form for a decree without children.**

**What the Decree Means to You.** The Decree is the Court Order that legally separates you and your spouse. You are not divorced and cannot marry someone else until you have ***a "Decree of Dissolution of Marriage."*** The Decree, once the judge or commissioner has signed it, is important because it determines the rights and responsibilities of both you and your spouse. If either party does not do what the Decree tells him or her to do, then the other party may ask the court for help. Once it has been signed by the judge, your rights and responsibilities are affected forever. You should see a lawyer before you sign this document or any other legal document.

**Failure to do what the Decree tells you to do could get you into trouble with the Court.** This does not mean that the court will police whether you are following the Decree. It does mean you or your spouse can request a Contempt Order or an Order to Enforce parts of the Decree if you or your ex-spouse fail to do what the Decree tells you to do.

**Getting a Legal Separation Decree.** Before you and your spouse become legally separated, a judge or Commissioner must sign what we call a Decree of Legal Separation. The Decree tells you who gets the property, who pays the debts, who gets custody, who pays support and so forth.

**Legal Separation by Default.** **If you have a Default Hearing, you must repeat as closely as possible what you requested in your Petition for Legal Separation.** You cannot mark something different in the Decree from what you asked for in the Petition. If you try to do this, the judge or commissioner will not sign the Decree. If you want to change your requests to the court, you must file an amended Petition. It is a good idea to have your Petition handy when you follow the instructions to fill out your Decree.

**Legal Separation by Consent.** If you and your spouse agree, you can fill out the Stipulation for Consent and the Decree of Legal Separation. If you agree, it does not matter what the Petitioner asked for in the Petition for Legal Separation.

**The Decree.** Fill out the Decree before you go to your hearing or before you give it to the judge to sign. Do not fill in the judge's signature and date. If the judge disagrees with anything you have written, he or she will change it before signing the Decree.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE DECREE.** (The section number in front of each paragraph below corresponds with the section number on the Decree. For example: Read Section 1-3d below. Turn to Sections 1-3d on the Decree. Each section below will help you fill out each section of the Decree.)

## SECTION: TYPE OR WRITE IN BLACK INK ONLY.

**(A)** Write in the Petitioner's Name, current address, city, state, zip code, and the telephone number. If you have an ATLAS number, write in the number. (The person who filed the Petition for divorce is the Petitioner.) Then check the box to show whether you are representing yourself, or if you are an attorney representing Petitioner or Respondent.

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**(B)** Write in the Name of the Petitioner and the Name of the Respondent in the space provided.

**(C)** Write in your court case number. Then check the box to say whether you are filing this Decree by Consent, by Default, or after Trial.

## COURT FINDINGS SECTION: (E)

**1-3.e.** This section tells you that before the judge or commissioner signs the Decree, he or she will have determined that the court has the legal power to make the orders in your case. It also says that either you or your spouse live in Arizona, and that the parties are unable to get back together and save their marriage. The judge or commissioner must also determine that both you and your spouse want a legal separation. (If one of you do not want a legal separation, the judge or commissioner can dismiss your case or turn it into a divorce case.)

**3.f.** **Community Property and Debt.** Mark the first box **only** if you and your spouse did not get any property together while you were married and do not owe money to anyone for property or services you got while you were married. Otherwise, mark the box that tells the court that the parties have agreed to a division of the community property and/or debt or the parties have not agreed to a division, but the community property is divided pursuant to the Decree.

**3.g.** **Pregnancy.** Mark the first box if the wife is not pregnant. Mark the second box if the wife is pregnant and then mark whether the husband is the father.

**3.h.** **Spousal Maintenance/Support (Alimony).** Mark this box if you have requested spousal maintenance/support (alimony) in the Petition for Legal Separation or the parties have agreed or the judge has ordered that one party will pay the other party spousal maintenance/support.

**3.i.** **Parent Information Program.** Tell the court whether you and your spouse have attended the Parent Information Program Class. (If you have attended the class, make sure your **"Certificate of Completion"** was filed with the court.).

**3.j.** **Custody of the Minor Child(ren).** Mark this box only if custody was contested (you and the other party did not agree about custody), or if you and the other party have agreed to joint custody. You must write the reasons in the space provided. See the ***"Parenting Time (Visitation) Guidelines"*** for help.

**3.k.** **Supervised of No Parenting Time.** Mark this box only if you asked for supervised or no parenting time by the non-custodial spouse in your Petition or the parties have agreed to this. You must have a very good reason for such a request and you write the reasons in the space provided. See the Parenting Time (Parenting time) Guidelines for help.

## COURT ORDERS SECTION (F)

**1.** **LEGALLY SEPARATED.** This section legally separates you and your spouse.

**2.** **ENFORCEMENT OF TEMPORARY ORDERS.** If the Court ordered temporary payment of child support, spousal maintenance/support (alimony), debt division, or other temporary orders, fill in the dates of ALL of the temporary orders. This section allows you to enforce nonpayment of those debts.

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**3.a.** **SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT.** Mark this box if neither party is requesting spousal maintenance.

**3.b.** Mark this box if you requested spousal maintenance/support (alimony) in the Petition and you have a Default Hearing. (You cannot get spousal maintenance/support if the other party was served by publication.) **OR,** Mark this box if the parties agreed or the court ordered that one party would pay the other party spousal maintenance/support.

Then mark who is to pay the spousal maintenance/support and who will receive the spousal maintenance/support. If the parties agree, put in the amount and the date the spousal maintenance/support will end. Otherwise, you should leave the amount and number of months of spousal maintenance/support blank until the judge approves the request. Be prepared to tell the judge what amount you are asking for, for what period, and why.

**4.a.** **PROPERTY, DEBTS AND TAX RETURNS.** Mark the first two boxes, if each party will pay the debts that are unknown to the other party. By marking the third box under 4.a., you are telling the court you do not want to pay for bills your spouse got after you separated. Write the approximate date you separated on the line provided.

**4.b.** Mark this box if there is property and debts to be divided, even if you have already divided the property. You can give the Court this information on **EXHIBIT A: COMMUNITY PROPERTY AND DEBTS** that you must attach to the Decree if you mark this box. Instructions for Exhibit A are included at the end of this instruction.

**4.c.** This states that you and your spouse get to keep property that you owned from the marriage or that was a gift to you during the marriage. You also can keep any personal items, clothing, and any other property you own that is not considered community property.

**4.d.** This means either spouse can record the Decree if there is a transfer of title to certain property, like a house. This section also requires each spouse to sign documents to transfer other property, like titles to cars, and so forth. If you have a quit claim deed that transfers property from one spouse to the other spouse, attach a copy of the deed to the Decree, and check this box.

**4.e.** Mark this box and tell the court whether the parties will file joint or separate tax returns for previous years if taxes have not been paid and how the parties will pay taxes for the present year and continuing years. According to the IRS, AState law governs whether you are married, divorced, or legally separated. See a lawyer or accountant for advice if you are not sure which box to check OR call the IRS at 1-800-829-4477 or visit their INTERNET site at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov for help.

**5.a-b.** **CHILD CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME AND CHILD SUPPORT.** This section deals with child custody, parenting time and child support. If the wife is pregnant, write in the expected date of birth for the unborn child. You must also write the names of the children common to the marriage, either natural or adopted, and the child(ren)'s date(s) of birth and social security numbers in the space provided.

**5.c.** **CHILD CUSTODY.** The custody box you mark should be the same as what you asked for in your Petition for Legal Separation, unless you and the other party have signed a Joint Custody Agreement/Parenting Plan and you are attaching it to the Decree OR you and the other party have agreed to file a Consent Decree.

1) For sole custody of the child(ren), mark who is to have sole custody, Petitioner or Respondent. Then mark **only** one of the three types of parenting time: 1) parenting time to the parent not having custody; or 2) supervised; or 3) no parenting time. If both

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spouses agree to a Parenting Plan, both must complete the Plan and sign it. If only one spouse agrees to the Parenting Plan and you have a default divorce hearing, you still must complete the Parenting Plan and tell the Court what you think should be the parenting time arrangement. If parenting time is supervised and you have a default hearing or you agree, write in the name of the supervisor and any restrictions. Mark who will be paying for costs of supervision. If no parenting time is to be given to the Petitioner or the Respondent, check this box.

2) For Joint Custody you should not have marked box 1 above. Remember, you must attach a copy of the Joint Custody Agreement/Parenting Plan as Exhibit B signed by both parents, which the court at the hearing must approve if you want Joint Custody. The Agreement will be included as part of the Court Order ending your marriage.

**5.d.** **CHILD SUPPORT:** Mark who is to pay the child support to the other party based on the request in the Petition for Legal Separation or on the party's agreement. If the parties agree to how much child support will be paid, write in the amount. Otherwise, leave the space blank and the Judge will fill in the amount. Remember, if you are the person who filed for legal separation, you are the Petitioner, and your spouse is the Respondent. The Court may also sign a Child Support Order. Be sure you read and understand the Order.

**5.e.** **MEDICAL AND DENTAL INSURANCE, PAYMENTS, AND EXPENSES:** Mark who will be responsible for medical and dental insurance, based on the request made in your Petition or the parties agreement. Mark what percent each party will pay for uninsured expenses.

**5.f.** **FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXCHANGES:** This shows that the parties must share/exchange financial information every 24 months. This information is important in determining amounts of child support or other related issues.

**5.g.** **TAX EXEMPTIONS:** Decide which parent will claim the children on income tax forms, for which year. Federal and state laws apply here. If you are not sure what to do, ask a lawyer or an accountant for help.

**5.h.** **CHILDREN TO WHOM THE DECREE DOES NOT APPLY:** Mark this box **only** if a child(ren) was born during the marriage, but is not common to the marriage. Mark which party should have no legal rights to this child. If you mark this box, list the name of any such child(ren) with the date of his or her birth in the space provided. Also, mark if the wife is pregnant with a child not common to the marriage, and include the expected due date of the child.

**6.** **LIMITATION ON JURISDICTION:** This shows that the Court only has jurisdiction to Order a party to make payments if that party has been personally served. This means that if you served your spouse by publication, you cannot get a child support, spousal maintenance, or similar order until you find and serve your spouse.

**7.** **OTHER ORDERS.** List any other orders that are not described in the Decree.

## SIGNATURES SECTION (G)

- Do not sign or date the Decree for the Judge or Commissioner
- You must sign the Decree telling the Court that you have read, approved and agreed to the Decree. Your signature must be notarized. If a lawyer represents you or the other party, the lawyer must also sign the Decree. If you are filing a Consent Decree, the other party, the Respondent, must sign the Decree telling the Court that he or she has read, approved, and agreed to the Decree. The other party's signature must be notarized.

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- If there is a Default Hearing, you, the Petitioner, must also promise to mail a copy of the Decree to the Respondent, after the Judge has signed it.

## EXHIBIT A
## COMMUNITY PROPERTY AND DEBT
## SECTION
## (H)

**IF YOU MARKED the first box of 3.e. ON YOUR DECREE AND HAVE NO COMMUNITY PROPERTY OR DEBTS, STOP HERE**. You have completed your Decree. If you have community property or community debt listed in your Petition, you should copy the information from that part of your Petition to Exhibit A. **REMEMBER**: if you are going by default, the division of property must be identical to the list in your petition. You cannot add new community property to the list, although you can give your spouse more property than that listed on your petition.

In addition, you must be specific. You must describe the property and/or debt that should go to or be paid by you and then check that box. You must describe the property and/or debt that should to go or be paid by your spouse and then check that box. For example, under household furnishings you could say, blue and white living room sofa, and then check the box to say whether it should go to you or to your spouse. Never list an item and then check both the Petitioner box and the Respondent box.

**8.a-b.** **Division of Community Property**. Mark the first box about community property, if you have community property. Mark the box next to each type of community property you own, and describe the property. Then mark the box showing which party the property is being given to.

Mark the box "award each party the personal property in his or her possession," if you want the Court to order this. Mark the box "continued on reverse side or see attached list" if this is true.

**8.c.** **Retirement, Pension, Deferred Compensation**. Decide what you want to do about these assets. Generally, each spouse is entitled to a 2 interest in the pension or retirement or deferred compensation benefits of the other spouse for the time the parties were married. This is **very complicated, and very important to both spouses. If you are entitled to any interest in your spouse's retirement assets, you may be required to file a Qualified Domestic Relations Order. This is a very important document. The Court and the Self-Service Center do not have this document. See a lawyer for help.** Check the box that describes what you asked for in the Petition or what the parties have agreed to.

**8.d.** **Division of Real Property:** Use this section if you own a home or real estate together. This information, including the address and legal description should also be the same as what you provided in the Petition. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU WRITE IN THE CORRECT ADDRESS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EACH PIECE OF REAL PROPERTY. Decide which spouse gets the property, OR whether it should be sold and any proceeds divided. If you used your own earnings to pay for property owned by only your spouse, see a lawyer for help.

If you or the other party have signed a Quit Claim Deed, check this box and attach a copy of the Quit Claim Deed. The original Quit Claim Deed should be recorded in the county where the property is located. If the property needs to be sold and you agree on the name of someone to sell the property, check this box and write in the person's name.

**8.e.** **Division of Debts:** List all debts you listed on your Petition. You can update the amounts owed, only if the amounts are less than those amounts in the Petition or the parties agree to update the amounts. Then put which debts are to be the responsibility of which party.

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**Also,** decide if you want the order to divide debts incurred by a spouse that are not listed to be paid by the spouse who incurred the debt. Remember, just because the Decree orders either spouse to pay debts does not mean that the creditor cannot pursue collection from the other spouse, even after the legal separation decree.

**SIGNATURES:**
**SECTION**
**(I)**

- You must sign Exhibit A telling the Court that you have read, approved and agreed to Exhibit A. Your signature must be notarized. If a lawyer represents you or the other party, the lawyer must also sign the Decree. If you are filing a Consent Decree, the other party, the Respondent, must sign the Decree telling the Court that he or she has read, approved, and agreed to the Decree. The other party's signature must be notarized. If only the Petitioner completes this list, the judge will still look over the list and decide whether the division you want is fair and proper.

## OTHER DOCUMENTS YOU MUST GIVE TO THE JUDGE WITH THE DECREE:

1. Order of Assignment and Current Employment Information
2. Child Support Worksheet and Order
3. Judgment Data Sheet

## REMINDER:

1. **Be sure to attach Part A about property and debts to your decree.**
2. **Be sure to attach the Parenting Plan. If you have marked joint custody or if the parties have signed a Parenting Plan.**
3. **Be sure to include a quit claim deed, if a quit claim deed has been signed.**

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# ARIZONA CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

## ADOPTED BY
## THE ARIZONA SUPREME COURT
## FOR
## ACTIONS FILED AFTER APRIL 30, 2001

BACKGROUND: The Arizona Child Support Guidelines follow the Income Shares Model. The model was developed by the Child Support Guidelines Project of the National Center for State Courts. The total child support amount approximates the amount that would have been spent on the child(ren) if the parents and child(ren) were living together. Each parent contributes his/her proportionate share of the total child support amount.

Information regarding development of the guidelines, including economic data and assumptions upon which the Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations is based, is contained in the June 28, 1999, report of Policy Studies, Inc., titled *REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE.*

### 1. Purposes

a. To establish a standard of support for children consistent with the reasonable needs of children and the ability of parents to pay.

b. To make child support orders consistent for persons in similar circumstances.

c. To give parents and courts guidance in establishing child support orders and to promote settlements.

d. To comply with state law (Arizona Revised Statutes Section 25-320) and federal law (42 United States Code Section 651 et seq., 45 Code of Federal Regulations Section 302.56) and any amendments thereto.

### 2. Premises

a. These guidelines apply to all natural children, whether born in or out of wedlock, and to all adopted children.

b. The child support obligation has priority over all other financial obligations; the existence of non-support-related financial obligations is generally not a reason for deviating from the guidelines.

c. The fact that a custodial parent receives child support does not mean that he or she may not also be entitled to spousal maintenance.

If the court is establishing both child support and spousal maintenance, the court shall determine the appropriate amount of spousal maintenance first.

The receipt or payment of spousal maintenance shall be treated in accordance with sections 4.a and 5.a. The addition to or adjustment from gross income under these sections shall apply for the duration of the spousal maintenance award.

d. A parent's legal duty is to support his or her natural or adopted child(ren). The "support" of other persons such as stepchildren or parents is deemed voluntary and is not a reason for an adjustment in the amount of support determined under the guidelines.

e. Duration of support is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 25-501 and 25-320, except as provided in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 25-648.


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f. Monthly figures are used to calculate the support obligation. Any adjustments to the child support amount shall be annualized so that each month's support obligation is increased or decreased in an equal amount, instead of the obligation for particular months being abated, increased or decreased.

EXAMPLE: At a child support hearing in a paternity action a custodial parent requests an adjustment for child care costs (Section 8.b.1A.). The parent incurs child care costs of $150 per month but only for nine months of the year. The adjustment for child care costs must be annualized as follows: Multiply the $150 monthly cost times the nine months that the cost is actually paid each year, for an annual total of $1,350. Divide this total by 12 months to arrive at an annualized monthly adjustment of $112.50 that may be added to the Basic Child Support Obligation when determining the child support order.

g. When determining the Basic Child Support Obligation under Section 7, the amount derived from the Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations shall not be less than the amount indicated on the Schedule:

1. For six children where there are more than six children.

2. For the Combined Adjusted Gross Income of $20,000 where the actual Combined Adjusted Gross Income of the parents is greater than $20,000.

## 3. Presumption

In any action to establish or modify child custody, and in any action to establish child support or past support or to modify child support, whether temporary or permanent, local or interstate, the amount resulting from application of these guidelines shall be the amount of child support ordered. These include, without limitation, all actions or proceedings brought under title 25 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (including maternity and paternity) and juvenile court actions in which a child support order is established or modified. However, if application of the guidelines would be inappropriate or unjust in a particular case, the court shall deviate from the guidelines in accordance with Section 18.

## 4. Determination of the Gross Income of the Parents

NOTE: Terms such as "Gross Income" and "Adjusted Gross Income" as used in these guidelines do not have the same meaning as when they are used for tax purposes.

a. Gross income includes income from any source, and may include, but is not limited to, income from salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses, dividends, severance pay, pensions, interest, trust income, annuities, capital gains, social security benefits (subject to Section 25), worker's compensation benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, recurring gifts, prizes, and spousal maintenance. Cash value shall be assigned to in-kind or other non-cash benefits. Seasonal or fluctuating income shall be annualized. Income from any source which is not continuing or recurring in nature need not necessarily be deemed gross income for child support purposes. It is generally not expected that a parent will earn income greater than what would be earned from full-time employment.

b. Gross income does not include sums received as child support or benefits received from means-tested public assistance programs including, but not limited to, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps and General Assistance.

c. For income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a business, or joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation, gross income means gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income. Ordinary and necessary expenses do not include amounts determined by the court to be


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inappropriate for determining gross income for purposes of child support. Ordinary and necessary expenses include one-half of the self-employment tax actually paid.

d. Expense reimbursements or benefits received by a parent in the course of employment or self-employment or operation of a business shall be counted as income if they are significant and reduce personal living expenses.

e. If a parent is unemployed or working below full earning capacity, the court may consider the reasons. If earnings are reduced as a matter of choice and not for reasonable cause, the court may attribute income to a parent up to his or her earning capacity. If the reduction in income is voluntary but reasonable, the court shall balance that parent's decision and benefits therefrom against the impact the reduction in that parent's share of child support has on the child(ren)'s best interest. In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes Section 25-320, income of at least minimum wage shall be attributed to a parent ordered to pay child support. If income is attributed to the parent receiving child support, appropriate child care expenses may also be attributed.

The court may decline to attribute income to either parent. Examples of cases in which it may be inappropriate to attribute income include, but are not limited to, the following circumstances:

1. A parent is physically or mentally disabled,

2. A parent is engaged in reasonable career or occupational training to establish basic skills or reasonably calculated to enhance earning capacity,

3. Unusual emotional or physical needs of a natural or adopted child require that parent's presence in the home, or

4. The parent is a current recipient of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

f. Only income of persons having a legal duty of support shall be treated as income under the guidelines. For example, income of a parent's new spouse is not treated as income of that parent.

g. The court shall not take into account the impact of the disposition of marital property except as provided in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 25-320.A.6. ("...excessive or abnormal expenditures, destruction, concealment or fraudulent disposition of community, joint tenancy and other property held in common.") or to the extent that such property generates income to a parent.

h. The Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations is based on net income and converted to gross income for ease of application. The impact of income taxes has been considered in the Schedule (Federal Tax, Arizona State Tax, FICA, and Earned Income Tax Credit).

## 5. Adjustments to Gross Income

a. The amount of court-ordered spousal maintenance actually paid and the amount of court-ordered child support for children of other relationships actually paid by a parent shall be deducted from the gross income of the paying parent. Court-ordered arrearage payments on child support for children of other relationships or spousal maintenance shall not be included as an adjustment to gross income. "Children of other relationships" means natural or adopted children who are not the subject of this particular child support determination.

b. A parent shall receive a credit for support of children of other relationships covered by a court order for whom they are the custodial parent. The adjustment will be made to gross income and the amount of any adjustment will be determined by a simplified application of the guidelines to determine the basic amount of support that would be ordered for the children in question.

b. Support of natural or adopted children not covered by a court order may be considered as an adjustment factor. Any adjustment will be made to gross income and the amount of any


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adjustment will be determined by a simplified application of the guidelines to determine the basic amount of support that would be ordered for the other children in question.
EXAMPLE: A parent having gross monthly income of $2,000 supports an adopted minor child not subject of the support case before the court and for whom no support order exists. Locate $2,000 in the Combined Adjusted Gross Income column of the Schedule. Select the support figure in the column for one child, $383. The parent's income may be reduced by $383, resulting in an Adjusted Gross Income of $1,617.

## 6. Determining the Adjusted Gross Income of the Parents

Adjusted Gross Income is gross income minus the adjustments provided in Section 5 of these guidelines. The Adjusted Gross Income for each parent shall be established. These amounts shall be added together. The sum is the Combined Adjusted Gross Income.

## 7. Determining the Basic Child Support Obligation

Locate the income closest to the parents' Combined Adjusted Income figure on the Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations and select the column for the number of children involved. This number is the Basic Child Support Obligation.

If there are more than six children, the amount derived from the schedule of basic support obligations for six children shall be the presumptive amount. The party seeking a greater sum shall bear the burden of proof that the needs of the children require a greater sum.

If the combined adjusted gross income of the parties is greater than $20,000 per month, the amount set forth for combined adjusted gross income of $20,000 shall be the presumptive basic child support obligation. The party seeking a sum greater than this presumptive amount shall bear the burden of proof to establish that a higher amount is in the best interests of the child(ren), taking into account such factors as the standard of living the child(ren) would have enjoyed if the parents and child(ren) were living together, the needs of the child(ren) in excess of the presumptive amount, consideration of any significant disparity in the respective percentages of gross income for each party and any other factors which, on a case by case basis, demonstrate that the increased amount is appropriate.

## 8. Determining the Total Child Support Obligation

To determine the Total Child Support Obligation, the court:

a. Shall add to the Basic Child Support Obligation the cost of the children's medical and/or dental insurance coverage. In determining the amount to be added, only the amount of the insurance cost attributable to the children subject of the support order shall be included. If coverage is applicable to other persons, the total cost shall be prorated by the number of persons covered. The court may decline to credit a parent for medical and/or dental insurance coverage obtained for a child if the coverage is not valid in the geographic region where the child resides.

   EXAMPLE: Through an employment-related insurance plan, a parent provides medical insurance that covers the parent, one child subject of the support case and two other children. Under the plan, the cost of an employee's individual insurance coverage would be $50. This parent instead pays a total of $170 for the "family option" that provides coverage for the employee and any number of dependents. Calculate the adjustment for medical insurance as follows: Subtract the $50 cost of individual coverage from the $170 paid for the "family option" to find the cost of dependent coverage. The $120 remainder then is divided by three--the number of covered dependents. The resulting $40 is added to the Basic Child Support Obligation as the cost of medical insurance coverage for the one child.

   An order for child support shall assign responsibility for providing medical insurance for the children who are the subject of the child support order. If medical insurance of comparable


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benefits and cost is available to both parents, the court should assign the responsibility to the parent having primary physical custody.

The court shall also specify the percentage that each parent shall pay for any medical costs of the children which are not covered by insurance. For purposes of this paragraph, non-covered "medical" means medically necessary medical and/or dental care as defined by Internal Revenue Service Publication 502.

Both parents should use their best efforts to obtain services that are covered by the insurance. A parent who is entitled to receive reimbursement from the other parent for medical costs not covered by insurance shall, upon request of the other parent, provide receipts or other evidence of payments actually made.

b. May add to the Basic Child Support Obligation amounts for any of the following:

1A. Child Care Costs:

Child care expenses that would be appropriate to the parents' financial abilities and to the lifestyle of the child(ren) if the parents and child(ren) were living together.

Expenses for child care shall be annualized in accordance with Section 2.f.

A custodial parent paying for child care may be eligible for a credit from federal tax liability for dependent children. The custodial parent is the parent who has custody of the child(ren) for the greater part of the year. Before adding child care costs to the Basic Child Support Obligation, the court may adjust this cost in order to apportion the benefit that the dependent tax credit will have to the parent incurring the childcare costs. An adjustment of twenty-five percent may be deducted from total annual child care costs, up to maximum annual costs of $2,400 for one child or $4,800 for two or more children. If the annual costs for child care exceed the maximum limits, $50 or $100 per month, respectively, may be subtracted from the annualized monthly child care cost. Otherwise, annual costs are multiplied by .0625 to arrive at the adjusted monthly child care costs.

EXAMPLE ONE: For two children a parent pays monthly child care costs of $550 for nine months of the year. To adjust for the expected tax credit benefit first determine whether the annual costs of child care exceed the maximum allowed annual costs. In this example, because the annual cost of $4,950 ($550 multiplied by 9 months) exceeds the $4,800 maximum for two or more children, $100 per month may be subtracted from the annualized monthly cost. To calculate the annualized cost, divide the annual cost by 12 months ($412.50) and subtract $100 ($312.50). $312.50 may be added to the Basic Child Support Obligation for adjusted child care costs.

EXAMPLE TWO: A parent pays monthly childcare costs of $175 for one child. Multiply by 12 months to obtain the annual costs ($2,100). Because this amount is less than the $2,400 maximum for one child, multiply $2,100 by .0625 to obtain the amount ($131.25) that may be added to the Basic Child Support Obligation.

Any adjustment for the payment of childcare costs with pre-tax dollars shall be calculated in a similar manner. A percentage adjustment other than twenty-five percent may be utilized if proven by the parent paying the childcare costs.

At lower income levels the head of household does not incur sufficient tax liability to benefit from the federal tax credit. No adjustment should be made where the income of the custodial parent is less than indicated on the following chart:


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| MONTHLY GROSS INCOME OF THE CUSTODIAL PARENT | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ONE CHILD | TWO CHILDREN | THREE CHILDREN | FOUR CHILDREN | FIVE CHILDREN | SIX CHILDREN |
| $1,350 | $1,900 | $2,450 | $3,000 | $3,550 | $4,100 |

1B. Education Expenses:

Any reasonable and necessary expenses for attending private or special schools or necessary expenses to meet particular educational needs of a child, when such expenses are incurred by agreement of both parents or ordered by the court.

1C. Extraordinary Child:

These guidelines are designed to fit the needs of most children. The court may increase the Basic Child Support Obligation to provide for the special needs of gifted or handicapped children.

1D. Costs Associated With Court-Ordered Supervision

Costs associated with court- ordered supervised visitation or supervised exchanges, if not otherwise assigned by court order to one or both parties.

2. Older Child Adjustment

The average expenditures for child(ren) age twelve or older exceed the average expenditures for all children by approximately ten percent. Therefore, the court may increase child support for a child(ren) who has reached the age of twelve years by an amount up to ten percent of the support shown on the Schedule. If the court chooses to make an adjustment, the following method of calculation shall be used.

EXAMPLE: The Basic Child Support Obligation for one child, age 12, is $300. As much as $30 may be added by the court, for a total of $330. If not all children subject to the order are age 12 or over, the increase will be prorated as follows: Assume the Basic Child Support Obligation for three children is $300. If one of the three children is age 12 or over, assign 1/3 of the Basic Child Support Obligation to the older child ($100). Up to 10% ($10) of that portion of the Basic Child Support Obligation may be added as an older child adjustment, increasing the obligation to $310. NOTE: This proration method is limited to this section and should not be followed in Section 23.

## 9. Determining Each Parent's Proportionate Share of the Total Child Support Obligation

The Total Child Support Obligation shall be divided between the parents in proportion to their Adjusted Gross Incomes. The obligation of each parent is computed by multiplying each parent's share of the Combined Adjusted Gross Income by the Total Child Support Obligation.

EXAMPLE: Combined Adjusted Gross Income is $1,000. The father's Adjusted Gross Income is $600. Divide the father's Adjusted Gross Income by the Combined Adjusted Income. The result is the father's share of the Combined Adjusted Gross Income. ($600 divided by $1,000 = 60%) So, the father's share is 60%; the mother's share is 40%.


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## 10. Adjustment for Costs Associated with Visitation

Because the Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations is based on expenditures for children in intact households, there is no consideration for costs associated with visitation. When visitation is exercised by the non-custodial parent, a portion of the costs for children normally expended by the custodial parent shifts to the non-custodial parent. Accordingly, when proof establishes that visitation is or is expected to be exercised by the parent paying child support, an adjustment shall be made to that parent's proportionate share of the Total Child Support Obligation.

To adjust for the costs of visitation, first determine the total amount of visitation indicated in a court order or parenting plan or by the expectation or historical practice of the parents. Using the following definitions, add together each period of visitation within twenty-four hours to arrive at the total number of visitation days per year.

a. "One day" means more than 12 continuous and consecutive hours or an overnight.
b. "One-half day" means greater than 4 and up to and including 12 continuous and consecutive hours.
c. "One-quarter day" means up to and including 4 continuous and consecutive hours.

For purposes of calculating visitation days, only the time spent by a child with the non-custodial parent is considered. Time that the child is in school or child care is not considered.

After determining the total number of visitation days, refer to “Visitation Table A”. The left two columns of the table set forth numbers of visitation days in increasingly higher ranges. Adjacent to each range is an adjustment percentage. The visitation adjustment is calculated as follows: Locate the total number of visitation days per year in the left columns of “Visitation Table A”and select the adjustment percentage from the adjacent column. Multiply the Basic Child Support Obligation determined under Section 7 by the appropriate adjustment percentage. The number resulting from this multiplication then is subtracted from the proportionate share of the Total Child Support Obligation of the parent who exercises visitation.

**VISITATION TABLE A**

| Number of Visitation Days | | Adjustment Percentage |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 4 | 20 | .012 |
| 21 | 38 | .031 |
| 39 | 57 | .050 |
| 58 | 72 | .085 |
| 73 | 87 | .105 |
| 88 | 115 | .161 |
| 116 | 129 | .195 |
| 130 | 142 | .253 |
| 143 | 152 | .307 |
| 153 | 162 | .362 |
| 163 | 172 | .422 |
| 173 | 182 | 486 |


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EXAMPLE: The Basic Child Support Obligation from the Schedule is $425 for two children. After making all applicable adjustments under Section 8, the Total Child Support Obligation is $500 and the non-custodial parent's proportionate share is 60%, or $300. The non-custodial parent has visitation with the children a total of 100 days. On the Visitation Table, the range of days for this amount of visitation is from 88 to 115 days. The corresponding adjustment percentage is .161. Multiply the $425 Basic Child Support Obligation by .161. The resulting $68.43 is subtracted from $300 (the non-custodial parent's proportionate share of the Total Child Support Obligation), adjusting the support obligation to $231.57.

As the number of visitation days approaches equal time sharing (143 days and above), certain costs usually incurred only in the custodial household are assumed to be substantially or equally shared by both parents. These costs are for items such as the child's clothing and personal care items, entertainment and reading materials. If this assumption is rebutted by proof, for example, that such costs are not substantially or equally shared in each household, only visitation table b must be used to calculate the visitation adjustment for this range of days. Locate the total number of visitation days per year in the left columns of the "Visitation Table B" and select the adjustment percentage from the adjacent column. Multiply the basic child support obligation determined under Section 7 by the appropriate adjustment percentage. The number resulting from this multiplication then is subtracted from the proportionate share of the total child support obligation of the parent who exercises visitation.

| VISITATION TABLE B | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Number of Visitation Days** | | **Adjustment Percentage** |
| 143 | 152 | .275 |
| 153 | 162 | .293 |
| 163 | 172 | .312 |
| 173 | 182 | .331 |

If the time spent with each parent is essentially equal, the expenses for the children are equally shared and gross adjusted incomes of the parents also are essentially equal, no support shall be paid. If the parents' incomes are not equal, the total child support amount shall be divided equally between the two households and the parent owing the greater amount shall be ordered to pay what is necessary to achieve that equal share in the other parent's household.

Example: After making all applicable adjustments under Sections 8 and 11, the remaining child support obligation is $1500. The parents' proportionate shares of the obligation are $1000 and $500. To equalize the support available in both households, deduct the lower amount from the higher amount ($1000 - $500 = $500) then divide the balance in half ($500 □ 2 = $250). The resulting amount ($250) is paid to the parent with the lower obligation.

## 11. Adjustments for Other Costs

If a parent pays a cost under Section 8.a. through b.1.D., deduct the cost from that parent's proportionate share to arrive at the preliminary child support amount.


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## 12. Determining the Child Support Order

The court shall order the non-custodial parent to pay child support in an amount equal to his or her proportionate share of the Total Child Support Obligation. The custodial parent shall be presumed to spend his or her share on the children.

EXAMPLE: On the Schedule, the Basic Child Support Obligation for a Combined Adjusted Gross Income of $1,500 for one child is $291. To this the court adds $20 because the child is over 12 years of age (approximately 7% in this example). The Total Child Support Obligation is $311.

The father's share is 60% of $311, or $187. The mother's share is 40% of $311, or $124. Custody is granted to the mother and under the court-approved parenting plan visitation will be exercised by the father a total of 100 days per year. After adjusting for visitation, the father's share is $139.75. The father shall pay the child support amount of $139.75 per month. The value of the mother's contribution is $124, and she spends it directly on the child.

## 13. Self Support Reserve Test

In each case, after determining the child support order, the court shall perform a self support reserve test to verify that the non-custodial parent is financially able both to pay the child support order and to maintain at least a minimum standard of living, as follows:

Deduct $710 (the self support reserve) from the non-custodial parent's Adjusted Gross Income, except that the court may deduct from such parent's adjusted gross income for purposes of the self support reserve test only, court-ordered arrears on child support for children of other relationships or spousal maintenance if actually paid. If the resulting amount is less than the child support order, the court may reduce the current child support order to the resulting amount after first considering the financial impact the reduction would have on the custodial household. The test applies only to the current support obligation, but does not prohibit an additional amount to be ordered to reduce an obligor's arrears.

EXAMPLE: Before applying the self support reserve test, the child support order is calculated under the guidelines to be $175. The adjusted gross income of the non-custodial parent is $850. Subtracting the self-support reserve of $710 leaves $140. Because this resulting amount is less than the $175 child support order, the court may reduce the child support order to the resulting amount. However, before making any reduction, the court shall examine the self-support capability of the non-paying parent, using the same self support reserve test applied to the non-custodial parent. In this example, non-paying parent's proportionate share of the total child support obligation calculated under the guidelines to be $200. This parent earns minimum wage of $892 per month. Subtracting the self support reserve of $710 leaves $182. Because this resulting amount is less than the parent's proportionate share of the total child support obligation, it is evident that both parents have insufficient income to be self supporting. In this situation, the court has discretion to determine whether and in what amount the child support order (the amount the non-custodial parent is ordered to pay) may be reduced.

## 14. Multiple Children, Divided Custody

When each parent is granted physical custody of at least one of the parties' children, each parent is obligated to contribute to the support of all the children. However, the amount of current support to be paid by the parent having the greater support obligation shall be reduced by the amount of support owed to that parent by the other parent.

EXAMPLE: (For simplicity, this example does not consider visitation.) Combined Adjusted Gross Income is $3,000 per month. Father's gross income is $1,000 per month (33.3%) and he has custody of one child. Mother's gross income is $2,000 per month (66.6%) and she has custody of two children.


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Prepare a Parent's Worksheet to determine support for children in the mother's household. Locate the Combined Adjusted Gross Income figure of $3,000 on the Schedule. Select the support figure in the column for the two children in this household, $787. The father's share is 33.3% of $787or $262.07.

Prepare a Parent's Worksheet to determine support for the child in the father's household. Locate the Combined Adjusted Gross Income figure of $3,000. Select the support figure in the column for the one child in this household, $543. The mother's share is 66.6% of $543, or $361.64.

The mother is obligated to pay the father $361.64 for child support. This amount is reduced by the $262.07 obligation owed by the father to the mother. Thus, the mother shall pay $99.57 per month.

## 15. Support Assigned to the State

If support has been assigned to the state under Arizona Revised Statutes Section 46-407, the obligation of a parent to pay support shall not be offset by child support arrearages that may be owed to that parent.

## 16. Travel Expenses Associated with Visitation

The court may allocate travel expenses of the child associated with visitation. In doing so, the court shall consider the means of the parents and may consider how their conduct (such as a change of residence) has affected the costs of visitation. To the extent possible, any allocation shall ensure that the child has continued contact with each parent. A parent who is entitled to receive reimbursement from the other parent for allocated visitation expenses shall, upon request of the other parent, provide receipts or other evidence of payments actually made. The allocation of expenses does not change the amount of the support ordered.

## 17. Gifts in Lieu of Money

Once child support has been ordered by the court, the child support is to be paid in money. Gifts of clothing, etc. in lieu of money are not to be offset against the support order except by court order.

## 18. Deviations

a. The court shall deviate from the guidelines, i.e., order support in an amount different from that which is provided pursuant to these guidelines, after considering all relevant factors, including those set forth in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 25-320, and applicable case law, only if all of the following criteria are met:

   1. Application of the guidelines is inappropriate or unjust in the particular case,

   2. The court has considered the best interests of the child in determining the amount of a deviation. A deviation that reduces the amount of support paid is not, by itself, contrary to the best interests of the child,

   3. The court makes written findings regarding 1 and 2 above,

   4. The court shows what the order would have been without the deviation, and

   5. The court shows what the order is after deviating.

b. The court may deviate from the guidelines based upon an agreement of the parties only if all of the following criteria are met:


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1. The agreement is in writing,

2. All parties have signed the agreement with knowledge of the amount of support that would have been ordered by the guidelines but for the agreement,

3. All parties have signed the agreement free of duress and coercion, and

4. The court complies with the requirements of Section 18.a.

## 19. Third-Party Care Givers

When a child lives with a third-party care giver by virtue of a court order, administrative placement by a state agency or under color of authority, the third-party care giver is entitled to receive support payments from each parent on behalf of the child.

## 20. Court's Findings

The court shall make findings in the record as to: Gross Income, Adjusted Gross Income, Basic Child Support Obligation, Total Child Support Obligation, each parent's proportionate share of the child support obligation, and the child support order.

The findings may be made by incorporating a worksheet containing this information into the file.

If the court attributes income above minimum wage income, the court shall explain the reason for its decision.

The child support order shall be set forth in a sum certain and start on a date certain. A new child support order shall be filed upon any change in the amount or due date of the child support obligation.

## 21. Exchange of Information

The court shall order that every twenty-four months financial information such as tax returns, financial affidavits, and earning statements be exchanged between the parties.

Unless the court has ordered otherwise, at the time the parties exchange financial information, they shall also exchange residential addresses and the names and addresses of their employers.

## 22. Modification

a. Standard Procedure

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 25-503 and 25-327, either parent or the state title IV-D agency may ask the court to modify a child support order upon a showing of a substantial and continuing change of circumstances.

b. Simplified Procedure

Either parent or the state title IV-D agency may request the court to modify a child support order if application of the guidelines results in an order that varies fifteen percent or more from the existing amount. A fifteen percent variation in the amount of the order will be considered prima facie evidence of substantial and continuing change of circumstances. A request for modification of the child support amount must be accompanied by a completed and sworn "Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount," and documentation supporting the incomes if different from the court's most recent findings regarding income of the parents. If the party requesting


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the modification is unable to provide documentation supporting the other party's income, the requesting party shall indicate that the income amount is attributed/estimated and state the basis for the amount listed. The state title IV-D agency may submit a parent's worksheet.

The simplified procedure also may be used by either parent or the state title IV-D agency to modify a child support order to assign or alter the responsibility to provide medical insurance for a child who is subject of a support order. A modification of the medical assignment or responsibility does not need to vary by fifteen percent or more from the existing amount to use the simplified procedure.

A copy of the request for modification of child support and the "Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount," including supporting documentation, showing that the proposed child support amount would vary fifteen percent or more from the existing child support order shall be served on the other parent, or on both parents if filed by the state title IV-D agency, pursuant to Rules 4.1 and 4.2, Rules of Civil Procedure.

If the requested modification is disputed, the parent receiving service must request a hearing within 20 days of service. If service is made outside the state, as provided in Rule 4.2, Rules of Civil Procedure, the parent receiving service must request a hearing within 30 days of service.

A party requesting a hearing shall file a written request for hearing accompanied by a completed and sworn "Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount." Copies of the documents filed, together with the notice of hearing, shall be served on the other party and, if appropriate, the state Title IV-D agency by first class mail not less than ten judicial days prior to the hearing.

Upon proof of service and if no hearing is requested within the time allowed, the court will review the request and enter an appropriate order or set the matter for hearing.

If any party requests a hearing within the time allowed, the court shall conduct such hearing. No order shall be modified without a hearing if one is requested.

The notice provision of Rule 55, Rules of Civil Procedure, does not apply to this simplified modification procedure.

A request to modify child support, request for a hearing and notice of hearing, "Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount" and child support order filed or served pursuant to this subsection must be made using forms approved by the Arizona Supreme Court or substantially similar forms.

Approved forms are available from the Clerk of the Superior Court.

## 23. Effect of Cessation of Support for One Child

If support for more than one child was ordered under these guidelines and thereafter the duty to support one of the children stops, the order is not automatically reduced by that child's share. To obtain a modification to the support order, a request must be made in writing to the court to recalculate the support obligation pursuant to these guidelines. The procedure specified in Section 22 may be used for this purpose.

EXAMPLE: The child support order for an income of $1,500, with four children is $562. One child graduates from high school and turns 18. In determining the new child support amount, do not deduct one-fourth of the order for a new order of $421.50. Instead, determine a new child support order by applying the guidelines. (NOTE: This method varies from the one used in Section 8.b.2).


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## 24. Income of a Child

Income earned or money received by a child from sources other than child support shall not relieve a parent of the support obligation established by these guidelines. However, income earned or money received by or on behalf of a person for whom support is ordered to be continued past the age of majority pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute 25-320.B and 25-809.F may be credited against any child support obligation.

## 25. Credit for Benefits

Benefits, such as Social Security Disability or Insurance, received by a child as a result of contributions made by the parent paying support shall be credited as follows:

a. Only the benefits received by the parent are included as part of that parent's gross income.

b. If the amount of the child's benefit for a given month is equal to or greater than the parent's child support obligation, then the parent's obligation is satisfied. Any benefit received by the child for a given month in excess of the child support obligation is not treated as an arrearage payment nor as a future payment.

c. If the amount of the child's benefit for a given month is less than the parent's child support obligation, the parent must pay the difference.

## 26. Federal Tax Exemption for Dependent Children

In any case in which the current child support obligation is at least $1,200 per year, there should be an allocation of the federal tax exemptions applicable to the minor children which as closely as possible approximates the percentages of support being provided by each of the parents. If it is determined that a party who is otherwise entitled to the dependency exemption based upon the above percentages will not derive a tax benefit from claiming the dependency exemption, the exemption should be allocated to the other party. The allocation of the exemptions shall be conditioned upon payment by December 31 of the total court-ordered child support obligation for the current calendar year and any court-ordered arrearage payments due during that calendar year for which the exemption is to be claimed. If these conditions have been met, the custodial parent shall execute the necessary Internal Revenue Service forms to transfer the exemptions. If the non-custodial parent has paid the current support, but has not paid the court-ordered arrearage payments, the non-custodial parent shall not be entitled to claim the exemption.

EXAMPLE: Non-custodial parent's percentage of gross income is approximately 67% and custodial parent's percentage is approximately 33%. All payments are current.

- If there are three children, the non-custodial parent would be entitled to claim two and the custodial parent would claim one.

- If there is only one child, the non-custodial parent would be entitled to claim the child two out of every three years, and the custodial parent would claim the child one out of every three years.

For purposes of this section only, a non-custodial parent shall be credited as having paid child support that has been deducted on or before December 31 pursuant to an order of assignment if the amount has been received by the court or clearinghouse by January 15 of the following year.

## 27. Effective Date

All child support orders in actions filed after April 30, 2001, shall be made pursuant to these guidelines, whether they be original orders or modifications of pre-existing orders.


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| COMBINED ADJ. GROSS INCOME | ONE CHILD | TWO CHILDREN | THREE CHILDREN | FOUR CHILDREN | FIVE CHILDREN | SIX CHILDREN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 650 | 147 | 218 | 259 | 286 | 310 | 332 |
| 700 | 156 | 232 | 274 | 303 | 329 | 352 |
| 750 | 164 | 243 | 288 | 319 | 346 | 370 |
| 800 | 171 | 255 | 303 | 334 | 362 | 388 |
| 850 | 179 | 267 | 317 | 350 | 380 | 406 |
| 900 | 188 | 281 | 333 | 367 | 398 | 426 |
| 950 | 196 | 294 | 348 | 385 | 417 | 446 |
| 1000 | 205 | 307 | 364 | 402 | 436 | 466 |
| 1050 | 213 | 320 | 379 | 419 | 454 | 486 |
| 1100 | 222 | 333 | 395 | 436 | 473 | 506 |
| 1150 | 230 | 346 | 410 | 453 | 492 | 526 |
| 1200 | 239 | 360 | 426 | 471 | 510 | 546 |
| 1250 | 247 | 373 | 442 | 488 | 529 | 566 |
| 1300 | 256 | 386 | 457 | 505 | 548 | 586 |
| 1350 | 264 | 399 | 473 | 522 | 566 | 606 |
| 1400 | 272 | 412 | 488 | 539 | 585 | 626 |
| 1450 | 282 | 425 | 502 | 555 | 602 | 644 |
| 1500 | 291 | 437 | 517 | 571 | 619 | 662 |
| 1550 | 300 | 449 | 531 | 587 | 636 | 681 |
| 1600 | 309 | 461 | 545 | 603 | 653 | 699 |
| 1650 | 319 | 473 | 560 | 618 | 670 | 717 |
| 1700 | 328 | 485 | 574 | 634 | 687 | 735 |
| 1750 | 337 | 497 | 588 | 650 | 704 | 754 |
| 1800 | 346 | 510 | 602 | 666 | 722 | 772 |
| 1850 | 356 | 522 | 617 | 681 | 739 | 790 |
| 1900 | 365 | 534 | 631 | 697 | 756 | 809 |
| 1950 | 374 | 546 | 645 | 713 | 773 | 827 |
| 2000 | 383 | 558 | 659 | 729 | 790 | 845 |
| 2050 | 392 | 570 | 674 | 744 | 807 | 863 |
| 2100 | 401 | 583 | 688 | 760 | 824 | 882 |
| 2150 | 409 | 595 | 702 | 776 | 841 | 900 |
| 2200 | 418 | 607 | 716 | 792 | 858 | 918 |
| 2250 | 426 | 619 | 731 | 807 | 875 | 936 |
| 2300 | 435 | 631 | 745 | 823 | 892 | 955 |
| 2350 | 443 | 643 | 759 | 839 | 909 | 973 |
| 2400 | 451 | 655 | 773 | 854 | 926 | 991 |
| 2450 | 460 | 668 | 787 | 870 | 943 | 1009 |
| 2500 | 468 | 680 | 802 | 886 | 960 | 1027 |
| 2550 | 477 | 692 | 816 | 902 | 977 | 1046 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2600 | 485 | 704 | 830 | 917 | 994 | 1064 |
| 2650 | 493 | 716 | 844 | 933 | 1011 | 1082 |
| 2700 | 503 | 729 | 859 | 950 | 1029 | 1102 |
| 2750 | 509 | 739 | 871 | 962 | 1043 | 1116 |
| 2800 | 516 | 748 | 882 | 974 | 1056 | 1130 |
| 2850 | 523 | 758 | 893 | 987 | 1069 | 1144 |
| 2900 | 530 | 768 | 904 | 999 | 1083 | 1159 |
| 2950 | 536 | 777 | 915 | 1011 | 1096 | 1173 |
| 3000 | 543 | 787 | 926 | 1024 | 1110 | 1187 |
| 3050 | 550 | 797 | 938 | 1036 | 1123 | 1202 |
| 3100 | 557 | 806 | 949 | 1048 | 1136 | 1216 |
| 3150 | 564 | 816 | 960 | 1061 | 1150 | 1230 |
| 3200 | 570 | 825 | 971 | 1073 | 1163 | 1245 |
| 3250 | 577 | 835 | 982 | 1085 | 1177 | 1259 |
| 3300 | 584 | 845 | 993 | 1098 | 1190 | 1273 |
| 3350 | 591 | 854 | 1005 | 1110 | 1203 | 1288 |
| 3400 | 597 | 864 | 1016 | 1122 | 1217 | 1302 |
| 3450 | 603 | 872 | 1025 | 1132 | 1228 | 1314 |
| 3500 | 608 | 879 | 1034 | 1142 | 1238 | 1325 |
| 3550 | 612 | 886 | 1042 | 1151 | 1248 | 1336 |
| 3600 | 617 | 893 | 1051 | 1161 | 1259 | 1347 |
| 3650 | 622 | 900 | 1059 | 1170 | 1269 | 1358 |
| 3700 | 627 | 907 | 1068 | 1180 | 1279 | 1369 |
| 3750 | 632 | 914 | 1076 | 1189 | 1289 | 1380 |
| 3800 | 636 | 922 | 1085 | 1199 | 1300 | 1391 |
| 3850 | 641 | 929 | 1094 | 1208 | 1310 | 1402 |
| 3900 | 646 | 936 | 1102 | 1218 | 1320 | 1413 |
| 3950 | 651 | 943 | 1111 | 1227 | 1331 | 1424 |
| 4000 | 655 | 950 | 1119 | 1237 | 1341 | 1435 |
| 4050 | 660 | 957 | 1128 | 1246 | 1351 | 1446 |
| 4100 | 665 | 964 | 1137 | 1256 | 1361 | 1457 |
| 4150 | 670 | 971 | 1145 | 1265 | 1372 | 1468 |
| 4200 | 674 | 978 | 1153 | 1274 | 1381 | 1477 |
| 4250 | 679 | 983 | 1159 | 1281 | 1388 | 1485 |
| 4300 | 683 | 989 | 1165 | 1288 | 1396 | 1493 |
| 4350 | 687 | 995 | 1172 | 1295 | 1403 | 1502 |
| 4400 | 691 | 1001 | 1178 | 1302 | 1411 | 1510 |
| 4450 | 695 | 1006 | 1184 | 1309 | 1419 | 1518 |
| 4500 | 700 | 1012 | 1191 | 1316 | 1426 | 1526 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4550 | 704 | 1018 | 1197 | 1323 | 1434 | 1534 |
| 4600 | 708 | 1024 | 1203 | 1330 | 1441 | 1542 |
| 4650 | 712 | 1029 | 1210 | 1337 | 1449 | 1550 |
| 4700 | 716 | 1035 | 1216 | 1344 | 1456 | 1558 |
| 4750 | 721 | 1041 | 1222 | 1351 | 1464 | 1566 |
| 4800 | 725 | 1046 | 1228 | 1357 | 1471 | 1574 |
| 4850 | 729 | 1052 | 1235 | 1364 | 1479 | 1582 |
| 4900 | 733 | 1057 | 1241 | 1371 | 1486 | 1590 |
| 4950 | 737 | 1063 | 1247 | 1378 | 1494 | 1598 |
| 5000 | 740 | 1067 | 1252 | 1383 | 1499 | 1604 |
| 5050 | 742 | 1071 | 1257 | 1388 | 1505 | 1610 |
| 5100 | 745 | 1075 | 1261 | 1393 | 1510 | 1616 |
| 5150 | 748 | 1079 | 1266 | 1398 | 1516 | 1622 |
| 5200 | 750 | 1083 | 1270 | 1404 | 1521 | 1628 |
| 5250 | 753 | 1087 | 1275 | 1409 | 1527 | 1634 |
| 5300 | 756 | 1091 | 1280 | 1414 | 1532 | 1640 |
| 5350 | 759 | 1094 | 1284 | 1419 | 1538 | 1646 |
| 5400 | 761 | 1098 | 1289 | 1424 | 1543 | 1651 |
| 5450 | 764 | 1102 | 1293 | 1428 | 1548 | 1657 |
| 5500 | 766 | 1106 | 1297 | 1433 | 1554 | 1662 |
| 5550 | 769 | 1109 | 1302 | 1438 | 1559 | 1668 |
| 5600 | 771 | 1113 | 1306 | 1443 | 1564 | 1674 |
| 5650 | 774 | 1117 | 1310 | 1448 | 1569 | 1679 |
| 5700 | 777 | 1121 | 1315 | 1453 | 1575 | 1685 |
| 5750 | 779 | 1124 | 1319 | 1458 | 1580 | 1691 |
| 5800 | 784 | 1131 | 1327 | 1466 | 1590 | 1701 |
| 5850 | 789 | 1138 | 1335 | 1475 | 1599 | 1711 |
| 5900 | 794 | 1145 | 1342 | 1483 | 1608 | 1721 |
| 5950 | 799 | 1151 | 1350 | 1492 | 1617 | 1730 |
| 6000 | 804 | 1158 | 1358 | 1500 | 1626 | 1740 |
| 6050 | 808 | 1165 | 1365 | 1509 | 1636 | 1750 |
| 6100 | 814 | 1172 | 1374 | 1518 | 1646 | 1761 |
| 6150 | 819 | 1180 | 1382 | 1528 | 1656 | 1772 |
| 6200 | 824 | 1187 | 1391 | 1537 | 1666 | 1783 |
| 6250 | 830 | 1195 | 1400 | 1547 | 1677 | 1794 |
| 6300 | 835 | 1202 | 1408 | 1556 | 1687 | 1805 |
| 6350 | 840 | 1210 | 1417 | 1566 | 1697 | 1816 |
| 6400 | 846 | 1217 | 1425 | 1575 | 1707 | 1827 |
| 6450 | 851 | 1225 | 1434 | 1584 | 1718 | 1838 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6500 | 856 | 1232 | 1442 | 1594 | 1728 | 1849 |
| 6550 | 861 | 1239 | 1450 | 1602 | 1737 | 1858 |
| 6600 | 865 | 1245 | 1457 | 1610 | 1745 | 1867 |
| 6650 | 869 | 1251 | 1464 | 1618 | 1754 | 1876 |
| 6700 | 873 | 1256 | 1471 | 1626 | 1762 | 1885 |
| 6750 | 877 | 1262 | 1478 | 1633 | 1771 | 1894 |
| 6800 | 881 | 1268 | 1485 | 1641 | 1779 | 1903 |
| 6850 | 886 | 1274 | 1492 | 1649 | 1787 | 1912 |
| 6900 | 890 | 1280 | 1499 | 1657 | 1796 | 1921 |
| 6950 | 894 | 1286 | 1506 | 1664 | 1804 | 1930 |
| 7000 | 898 | 1292 | 1513 | 1672 | 1813 | 1939 |
| 7050 | 902 | 1298 | 1520 | 1680 | 1821 | 1948 |
| 7100 | 906 | 1304 | 1527 | 1688 | 1830 | 1957 |
| 7150 | 910 | 1310 | 1534 | 1696 | 1838 | 1966 |
| 7200 | 914 | 1316 | 1541 | 1703 | 1846 | 1975 |
| 7250 | 918 | 1322 | 1548 | 1711 | 1855 | 1984 |
| 7300 | 923 | 1328 | 1555 | 1719 | 1863 | 1993 |
| 7350 | 927 | 1334 | 1562 | 1727 | 1872 | 2003 |
| 7400 | 931 | 1340 | 1570 | 1734 | 1880 | 2012 |
| 7450 | 935 | 1346 | 1577 | 1742 | 1889 | 2021 |
| 7500 | 939 | 1352 | 1584 | 1750 | 1897 | 2030 |
| 7550 | 943 | 1358 | 1591 | 1758 | 1905 | 2039 |
| 7600 | 947 | 1364 | 1598 | 1766 | 1914 | 2048 |
| 7650 | 951 | 1370 | 1605 | 1774 | 1923 | 2057 |
| 7700 | 956 | 1377 | 1613 | 1782 | 1932 | 2067 |
| 7750 | 961 | 1384 | 1621 | 1791 | 1941 | 2077 |
| 7800 | 965 | 1390 | 1628 | 1799 | 1951 | 2087 |
| 7850 | 970 | 1397 | 1636 | 1808 | 1960 | 2097 |
| 7900 | 975 | 1404 | 1644 | 1817 | 1969 | 2107 |
| 7950 | 980 | 1411 | 1652 | 1825 | 1979 | 2117 |
| 8000 | 984 | 1417 | 1660 | 1834 | 1988 | 2127 |
| 8050 | 989 | 1424 | 1667 | 1843 | 1997 | 2137 |
| 8100 | 994 | 1431 | 1675 | 1851 | 2007 | 2147 |
| 8150 | 998 | 1437 | 1683 | 1860 | 2016 | 2157 |
| 8200 | 1003 | 1444 | 1691 | 1868 | 2025 | 2167 |
| 8250 | 1008 | 1451 | 1699 | 1877 | 2035 | 2177 |
| 8300 | 1012 | 1457 | 1706 | 1886 | 2044 | 2187 |
| 8350 | 1017 | 1464 | 1714 | 1894 | 2053 | 2197 |
| 8400 | 1022 | 1471 | 1722 | 1903 | 2063 | 2207 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8450 | 1027 | 1477 | 1730 | 1911 | 2072 | 2217 |
| 8500 | 1031 | 1484 | 1738 | 1920 | 2081 | 2227 |
| 8550 | 1036 | 1491 | 1745 | 1929 | 2091 | 2237 |
| 8600 | 1041 | 1498 | 1753 | 1937 | 2100 | 2247 |
| 8650 | 1045 | 1504 | 1761 | 1946 | 2109 | 2257 |
| 8700 | 1050 | 1511 | 1769 | 1955 | 2119 | 2267 |
| 8750 | 1055 | 1518 | 1777 | 1963 | 2128 | 2277 |
| 8800 | 1059 | 1524 | 1784 | 1972 | 2137 | 2287 |
| 8850 | 1064 | 1531 | 1792 | 1980 | 2147 | 2297 |
| 8900 | 1069 | 1538 | 1800 | 1989 | 2156 | 2307 |
| 8950 | 1074 | 1544 | 1808 | 1998 | 2165 | 2317 |
| 9000 | 1078 | 1551 | 1816 | 2006 | 2175 | 2327 |
| 9050 | 1083 | 1558 | 1823 | 2015 | 2184 | 2337 |
| 9100 | 1088 | 1564 | 1831 | 2023 | 2194 | 2347 |
| 9150 | 1092 | 1571 | 1839 | 2031 | 2202 | 2356 |
| 9200 | 1096 | 1577 | 1846 | 2039 | 2211 | 2365 |
| 9250 | 1100 | 1583 | 1853 | 2047 | 2219 | 2375 |
| 9300 | 1104 | 1589 | 1860 | 2055 | 2228 | 2384 |
| 9350 | 1108 | 1595 | 1867 | 2063 | 2237 | 2393 |
| 9400 | 1112 | 1601 | 1874 | 2071 | 2245 | 2402 |
| 9450 | 1116 | 1607 | 1882 | 2079 | 2254 | 2411 |
| 9500 | 1121 | 1613 | 1889 | 2087 | 2262 | 2421 |
| 9550 | 1125 | 1619 | 1896 | 2095 | 2271 | 2430 |
| 9600 | 1129 | 1625 | 1903 | 2103 | 2280 | 2439 |
| 9650 | 1133 | 1631 | 1910 | 2111 | 2288 | 2448 |
| 9700 | 1137 | 1637 | 1917 | 2119 | 2297 | 2457 |
| 9750 | 1141 | 1643 | 1925 | 2126 | 2305 | 2467 |
| 9800 | 1145 | 1649 | 1932 | 2134 | 2314 | 2476 |
| 9850 | 1150 | 1655 | 1939 | 2142 | 2323 | 2485 |
| 9900 | 1154 | 1661 | 1946 | 2150 | 2331 | 2494 |
| 9950 | 1158 | 1667 | 1953 | 2158 | 2340 | 2503 |
| 10000 | 1162 | 1673 | 1961 | 2166 | 2348 | 2513 |
| 10050 | 1166 | 1680 | 1968 | 2174 | 2357 | 2522 |
| 10100 | 1170 | 1686 | 1975 | 2182 | 2366 | 2531 |
| 10150 | 1174 | 1692 | 1982 | 2190 | 2374 | 2540 |
| 10200 | 1179 | 1698 | 1989 | 2198 | 2383 | 2549 |
| 10250 | 1183 | 1704 | 1996 | 2206 | 2391 | 2558 |
| 10300 | 1187 | 1710 | 2004 | 2214 | 2400 | 2568 |
| 10350 | 1191 | 1716 | 2011 | 2222 | 2409 | 2577 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10400 | 1195 | 1722 | 2018 | 2229 | 2417 | 2586 |
| 10450 | 1199 | 1728 | 2025 | 2237 | 2426 | 2595 |
| 10500 | 1203 | 1734 | 2032 | 2245 | 2434 | 2604 |
| 10550 | 1207 | 1740 | 2039 | 2253 | 2443 | 2614 |
| 10600 | 1212 | 1746 | 2046 | 2261 | 2451 | 2623 |
| 10650 | 1215 | 1751 | 2053 | 2268 | 2459 | 2631 |
| 10700 | 1219 | 1756 | 2059 | 2275 | 2466 | 2639 |
| 10750 | 1223 | 1762 | 2066 | 2283 | 2474 | 2647 |
| 10800 | 1226 | 1767 | 2072 | 2290 | 2482 | 2656 |
| 10850 | 1230 | 1772 | 2079 | 2297 | 2490 | 2664 |
| 10900 | 1234 | 1778 | 2085 | 2304 | 2497 | 2672 |
| 10950 | 1237 | 1783 | 2091 | 2311 | 2505 | 2680 |
| 11000 | 1241 | 1788 | 2098 | 2318 | 2513 | 2689 |
| 11050 | 1244 | 1794 | 2104 | 2325 | 2520 | 2697 |
| 11100 | 1248 | 1799 | 2111 | 2332 | 2528 | 2705 |
| 11150 | 1252 | 1804 | 2117 | 2340 | 2536 | 2713 |
| 11200 | 1255 | 1810 | 2124 | 2347 | 2544 | 2722 |
| 11250 | 1259 | 1815 | 2130 | 2354 | 2551 | 2730 |
| 11300 | 1263 | 1820 | 2137 | 2361 | 2559 | 2738 |
| 11350 | 1266 | 1826 | 2143 | 2368 | 2567 | 2746 |
| 11400 | 1270 | 1831 | 2149 | 2375 | 2574 | 2755 |
| 11450 | 1273 | 1836 | 2156 | 2382 | 2582 | 2763 |
| 11500 | 1277 | 1841 | 2162 | 2389 | 2589 | 2770 |
| 11550 | 1280 | 1846 | 2168 | 2395 | 2596 | 2778 |
| 11600 | 1283 | 1851 | 2174 | 2402 | 2603 | 2786 |
| 11650 | 1287 | 1856 | 2179 | 2408 | 2610 | 2793 |
| 11700 | 1290 | 1861 | 2185 | 2415 | 2618 | 2801 |
| 11750 | 1293 | 1866 | 2191 | 2421 | 2625 | 2808 |
| 11800 | 1297 | 1871 | 2197 | 2428 | 2632 | 2816 |
| 11850 | 1300 | 1876 | 2203 | 2435 | 2639 | 2824 |
| 11900 | 1303 | 1881 | 2209 | 2441 | 2646 | 2831 |
| 11950 | 1307 | 1885 | 2215 | 2448 | 2653 | 2839 |
| 12000 | 1310 | 1890 | 2221 | 2454 | 2660 | 2846 |
| 12050 | 1313 | 1895 | 2227 | 2461 | 2667 | 2854 |
| 12100 | 1317 | 1900 | 2233 | 2467 | 2674 | 2862 |
| 12150 | 1320 | 1906 | 2240 | 2475 | 2683 | 2871 |
| 12200 | 1325 | 1913 | 2248 | 2483 | 2692 | 2881 |
| 12250 | 1329 | 1919 | 2255 | 2492 | 2702 | 2891 |
| 12300 | 1333 | 1925 | 2263 | 2501 | 2711 | 2901 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12350 | 1337 | 1932 | 2271 | 2509 | 2720 | 2911 |
| 12400 | 1342 | 1938 | 2279 | 2518 | 2730 | 2921 |
| 12450 | 1346 | 1945 | 2286 | 2527 | 2739 | 2931 |
| 12500 | 1350 | 1951 | 2294 | 2535 | 2748 | 2941 |
| 12550 | 1355 | 1957 | 2302 | 2544 | 2758 | 2951 |
| 12600 | 1359 | 1964 | 2310 | 2552 | 2767 | 2961 |
| 12650 | 1363 | 1970 | 2318 | 2561 | 2776 | 2971 |
| 12700 | 1367 | 1977 | 2325 | 2570 | 2786 | 2981 |
| 12750 | 1372 | 1983 | 2333 | 2578 | 2795 | 2991 |
| 12800 | 1376 | 1989 | 2341 | 2587 | 2804 | 3001 |
| 12850 | 1380 | 1996 | 2349 | 2595 | 2814 | 3011 |
| 12900 | 1384 | 2002 | 2357 | 2604 | 2823 | 3021 |
| 12950 | 1389 | 2009 | 2364 | 2613 | 2832 | 3031 |
| 13000 | 1393 | 2015 | 2372 | 2621 | 2842 | 3041 |
| 13050 | 1397 | 2021 | 2380 | 2630 | 2851 | 3050 |
| 13100 | 1401 | 2028 | 2388 | 2638 | 2860 | 3060 |
| 13150 | 1406 | 2034 | 2395 | 2647 | 2870 | 3070 |
| 13200 | 1410 | 2040 | 2403 | 2656 | 2879 | 3080 |
| 13250 | 1414 | 2047 | 2411 | 2664 | 2888 | 3090 |
| 13300 | 1418 | 2053 | 2419 | 2673 | 2897 | 3100 |
| 13350 | 1423 | 2060 | 2426 | 2681 | 2907 | 3110 |
| 13400 | 1427 | 2066 | 2434 | 2690 | 2916 | 3120 |
| 13450 | 1431 | 2072 | 2442 | 2698 | 2925 | 3130 |
| 13500 | 1435 | 2079 | 2450 | 2707 | 2935 | 3140 |
| 13550 | 1440 | 2085 | 2457 | 2715 | 2944 | 3150 |
| 13600 | 1444 | 2091 | 2465 | 2724 | 2953 | 3160 |
| 13650 | 1448 | 2098 | 2473 | 2733 | 2962 | 3170 |
| 13700 | 1452 | 2104 | 2481 | 2741 | 2972 | 3180 |
| 13750 | 1456 | 2110 | 2488 | 2749 | 2980 | 3188 |
| 13800 | 1459 | 2115 | 2493 | 2755 | 2986 | 3195 |
| 13850 | 1463 | 2119 | 2498 | 2761 | 2992 | 3202 |
| 13900 | 1466 | 2123 | 2503 | 2766 | 2998 | 3208 |
| 13950 | 1469 | 2128 | 2508 | 2772 | 3004 | 3215 |
| 14000 | 1472 | 2132 | 2513 | 2777 | 3011 | 3221 |
| 14050 | 1475 | 2137 | 2518 | 2783 | 3017 | 3228 |
| 14100 | 1478 | 2141 | 2523 | 2789 | 3023 | 3234 |
| 14150 | 1481 | 2145 | 2529 | 2794 | 3029 | 3241 |
| 14200 | 1484 | 2150 | 2534 | 2800 | 3035 | 3247 |
| 14250 | 1487 | 2154 | 2539 | 2806 | 3041 | 3254 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14300 | 1490 | 2159 | 2544 | 2811 | 3047 | 3261 |
| 14350 | 1493 | 2163 | 2549 | 2817 | 3053 | 3267 |
| 14400 | 1496 | 2167 | 2554 | 2823 | 3060 | 3274 |
| 14450 | 1499 | 2172 | 2559 | 2828 | 3066 | 3280 |
| 14500 | 1502 | 2176 | 2564 | 2834 | 3072 | 3287 |
| 14550 | 1506 | 2181 | 2570 | 2840 | 3078 | 3293 |
| 14600 | 1509 | 2185 | 2575 | 2845 | 3084 | 3300 |
| 14650 | 1512 | 2189 | 2580 | 2851 | 3090 | 3307 |
| 14700 | 1515 | 2194 | 2585 | 2857 | 3096 | 3313 |
| 14750 | 1518 | 2198 | 2590 | 2862 | 3103 | 3320 |
| 14800 | 1521 | 2203 | 2595 | 2868 | 3109 | 3326 |
| 14850 | 1524 | 2207 | 2600 | 2874 | 3115 | 3333 |
| 14900 | 1527 | 2211 | 2605 | 2879 | 3121 | 3339 |
| 14950 | 1530 | 2216 | 2611 | 2885 | 3127 | 3346 |
| 15000 | 1533 | 2220 | 2616 | 2891 | 3133 | 3352 |
| 15050 | 1536 | 2224 | 2621 | 2896 | 3139 | 3359 |
| 15100 | 1539 | 2229 | 2626 | 2902 | 3145 | 3366 |
| 15150 | 1542 | 2233 | 2631 | 2908 | 3152 | 3372 |
| 15200 | 1545 | 2238 | 2636 | 2913 | 3158 | 3379 |
| 15250 | 1548 | 2242 | 2641 | 2919 | 3164 | 3385 |
| 15300 | 1552 | 2246 | 2646 | 2925 | 3170 | 3392 |
| 15350 | 1555 | 2251 | 2652 | 2930 | 3176 | 3398 |
| 15400 | 1558 | 2255 | 2657 | 2936 | 3182 | 3405 |
| 15450 | 1561 | 2260 | 2662 | 2942 | 3188 | 3412 |
| 15500 | 1564 | 2264 | 2667 | 2947 | 3195 | 3418 |
| 15550 | 1567 | 2268 | 2672 | 2953 | 3201 | 3425 |
| 15600 | 1570 | 2273 | 2677 | 2959 | 3207 | 3431 |
| 15650 | 1573 | 2277 | 2682 | 2964 | 3213 | 3438 |
| 15700 | 1576 | 2282 | 2687 | 2970 | 3219 | 3444 |
| 15750 | 1579 | 2286 | 2692 | 2976 | 3225 | 3451 |
| 15800 | 1582 | 2290 | 2698 | 2981 | 3231 | 3457 |
| 15850 | 1585 | 2295 | 2703 | 2987 | 3237 | 3464 |
| 15900 | 1588 | 2299 | 2708 | 2993 | 3244 | 3471 |
| 15950 | 1591 | 2303 | 2713 | 2998 | 3250 | 3477 |
| 16000 | 1595 | 2308 | 2718 | 3004 | 3256 | 3484 |
| 16050 | 1598 | 2312 | 2723 | 3010 | 3262 | 3490 |
| 16100 | 1601 | 2317 | 2728 | 3015 | 3268 | 3497 |
| 16150 | 1604 | 2321 | 2733 | 3021 | 3274 | 3503 |
| 16200 | 1607 | 2325 | 2739 | 3026 | 3280 | 3510 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16250 | 1610 | 2330 | 2744 | 3032 | 3287 | 3516 |
| 16300 | 1613 | 2334 | 2749 | 3038 | 3293 | 3523 |
| 16350 | 1616 | 2339 | 2754 | 3043 | 3299 | 3530 |
| 16400 | 1619 | 2343 | 2759 | 3049 | 3305 | 3536 |
| 16450 | 1622 | 2347 | 2764 | 3055 | 3311 | 3543 |
| 16500 | 1625 | 2352 | 2769 | 3060 | 3317 | 3549 |
| 16550 | 1628 | 2356 | 2774 | 3066 | 3323 | 3556 |
| 16600 | 1631 | 2361 | 2780 | 3072 | 3329 | 3562 |
| 16650 | 1634 | 2365 | 2785 | 3077 | 3336 | 3569 |
| 16700 | 1638 | 2369 | 2790 | 3083 | 3342 | 3576 |
| 16750 | 1641 | 2374 | 2795 | 3089 | 3348 | 3582 |
| 16800 | 1644 | 2378 | 2800 | 3094 | 3354 | 3589 |
| 16850 | 1647 | 2383 | 2805 | 3100 | 3360 | 3595 |
| 16900 | 1650 | 2387 | 2810 | 3106 | 3366 | 3602 |
| 16950 | 1653 | 2391 | 2815 | 3111 | 3372 | 3608 |
| 17000 | 1656 | 2396 | 2821 | 3117 | 3379 | 3615 |
| 17050 | 1659 | 2400 | 2826 | 3123 | 3385 | 3621 |
| 17100 | 1662 | 2404 | 2831 | 3128 | 3391 | 3628 |
| 17150 | 1665 | 2409 | 2836 | 3134 | 3397 | 3635 |
| 17200 | 1668 | 2413 | 2841 | 3140 | 3403 | 3641 |
| 17250 | 1671 | 2418 | 2846 | 3145 | 3409 | 3648 |
| 17300 | 1674 | 2422 | 2851 | 3151 | 3415 | 3654 |
| 17350 | 1677 | 2426 | 2856 | 3157 | 3421 | 3661 |
| 17400 | 1681 | 2431 | 2861 | 3162 | 3428 | 3667 |
| 17450 | 1684 | 2435 | 2867 | 3168 | 3434 | 3674 |
| 17500 | 1687 | 2440 | 2872 | 3174 | 3440 | 3681 |
| 17550 | 1690 | 2444 | 2877 | 3179 | 3446 | 3687 |
| 17600 | 1693 | 2448 | 2882 | 3185 | 3452 | 3694 |
| 17650 | 1696 | 2453 | 2887 | 3191 | 3458 | 3700 |
| 17700 | 1699 | 2457 | 2892 | 3196 | 3464 | 3707 |
| 17750 | 1702 | 2462 | 2897 | 3202 | 3471 | 3713 |
| 17800 | 1705 | 2466 | 2902 | 3208 | 3477 | 3720 |
| 17850 | 1708 | 2470 | 2908 | 3213 | 3483 | 3726 |
| 17900 | 1711 | 2475 | 2913 | 3219 | 3489 | 3733 |
| 17950 | 1714 | 2479 | 2918 | 3225 | 3495 | 3740 |
| 18000 | 1717 | 2484 | 2923 | 3230 | 3501 | 3746 |
| 18050 | 1720 | 2488 | 2928 | 3236 | 3507 | 3753 |
| 18100 | 1724 | 2492 | 2933 | 3242 | 3513 | 3759 |
| 18150 | 1727 | 2497 | 2938 | 3247 | 3520 | 3766 |


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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18200 | 1730 | 2501 | 2943 | 3253 | 3526 | 3772 |
| 18250 | 1733 | 2505 | 2949 | 3259 | 3532 | 3779 |
| 18300 | 1736 | 2510 | 2954 | 3264 | 3538 | 3786 |
| 18350 | 1739 | 2514 | 2959 | 3270 | 3544 | 3792 |
| 18400 | 1742 | 2519 | 2964 | 3275 | 3550 | 3799 |
| 18450 | 1745 | 2523 | 2969 | 3281 | 3556 | 3805 |
| 18500 | 1748 | 2527 | 2974 | 3287 | 3563 | 3812 |
| 18550 | 1751 | 2532 | 2979 | 3292 | 3569 | 3818 |
| 18600 | 1754 | 2536 | 2984 | 3298 | 3575 | 3825 |
| 18650 | 1757 | 2541 | 2990 | 3304 | 3581 | 3831 |
| 18700 | 1760 | 2545 | 2995 | 3309 | 3587 | 3838 |
| 18750 | 1763 | 2549 | 3000 | 3315 | 3593 | 3845 |
| 18800 | 1767 | 2554 | 3005 | 3321 | 3599 | 3851 |
| 18850 | 1770 | 2558 | 3010 | 3326 | 3605 | 3858 |
| 18900 | 1773 | 2563 | 3015 | 3332 | 3612 | 3864 |
| 18950 | 1776 | 2567 | 3020 | 3338 | 3618 | 3871 |
| 19000 | 1779 | 2571 | 3025 | 3343 | 3624 | 3877 |
| 19050 | 1782 | 2576 | 3030 | 3349 | 3630 | 3884 |
| 19100 | 1785 | 2580 | 3036 | 3355 | 3636 | 3891 |
| 19150 | 1788 | 2585 | 3041 | 3360 | 3642 | 3897 |
| 19200 | 1791 | 2589 | 3046 | 3366 | 3648 | 3904 |
| 19250 | 1794 | 2593 | 3051 | 3372 | 3655 | 3910 |
| 19300 | 1797 | 2598 | 3056 | 3377 | 3661 | 3917 |
| 19350 | 1800 | 2602 | 3061 | 3383 | 3667 | 3923 |
| 19400 | 1803 | 2606 | 3066 | 3389 | 3673 | 3930 |
| 19450 | 1806 | 2611 | 3071 | 3394 | 3679 | 3936 |
| 19500 | 1810 | 2615 | 3077 | 3400 | 3685 | 3943 |
| 19550 | 1813 | 2620 | 3082 | 3406 | 3691 | 3950 |
| 19600 | 1816 | 2624 | 3087 | 3411 | 3697 | 3956 |
| 19650 | 1819 | 2628 | 3092 | 3417 | 3704 | 3963 |
| 19700 | 1822 | 2633 | 3097 | 3423 | 3710 | 3969 |
| 19750 | 1825 | 2637 | 3102 | 3428 | 3716 | 3976 |
| 19800 | 1828 | 2642 | 3107 | 3434 | 3722 | 3982 |
| 19850 | 1831 | 2646 | 3112 | 3440 | 3728 | 3989 |
| 19900 | 1834 | 2650 | 3118 | 3445 | 3734 | 3996 |
| 19950 | 1837 | 2655 | 3123 | 3451 | 3740 | 4002 |
| 20000 | 1840 | 2659 | 3128 | 3457 | 3747 | 4009 |


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# PARENT'S WORKSHEET INSTRUCTIONS

This worksheet provides the information the court needs to determine child support amounts in accordance with Arizona's Child Support Guidelines. You may get a copy of the Guidelines from the Clerk of the Superior Court's office or the Self-Service Center. An automated child support calculator is also available on the Supreme Court's website at http://www.supreme.state.az.us/childsup.

**COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET IF:**

**NOTE: THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN LARGE FORMAT OR ON AUDIO TAPE UPON REQUEST**

**Need Help with the calculations? Call 602-506-3762 for an appointment for assistance at the Phoenix, Surprise, or Mesa courthouse locations. Ask for the "Calculations Department."**

- You are a party to a court action to establish a child support obligation **or** to modify an existing order for child support.

**TO COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW:**

- Your case number.
- Your monthly gross income and that of the other parent.
- The monthly cost of medical insurance for the children who are the subject of this action.
- Monthly child care amounts paid to others.
- The number of days the child(ren) spend with the non-custodial parent.
- Monthly obligations of yourself and the other parent for child support or court-ordered spousal maintenance/ support.

**FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE NUMBERED TO MATCH THE IDENTIFYING NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES ON THE FORM. TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY USING BLACK INK.** The number in brackets after the instructions tells you where to look in the Guidelines for this item, for example, [Guidelines 5].

**BASIC INFORMATION**

**(1)** Type or print the name, mailing address, and daytime and evening phone number of the person filing the form. If you are representing yourself without an attorney check the box in front of "Self". (The space marked "state bar number" is used **only** if an attorney is preparing this form.)

**(2)** Type or print the name of the county in which this worksheet is being filed. (This may already be printed on the form.)

**(3)** If you are providing this information to establish a child support amount, Type or print the name, date of birth (DOB), and social security number (SSN) of the person shown as the petitioner on the original petition filed in the case that requests a support order be established.

If you are providing this information to modify your current support amount, Type or print the name, date of birth (DOB), and social security number (SSN) of the person who is shown as the Petitioner on the order that established the current support order.

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**(4)** Type or print the name, date of birth (DOB), and social security number (SSN) of the person shown as the Respondent on the document you used to answer Item 3.

**(5)** Type or print your case number and the ATLAS number. If you do not have a case number, leave this item blank. If you do not have an ATLAS number, leave this item blank.

**(6)** Mark the appropriate box(es) to indicate the party or parties completing the form.

**NOTE:**

✓ Terms such as "gross income" and "adjusted gross income" as used here do not have the same meaning as when they are used for tax purposes.
✓ "Gross Income" is not your "take home pay", it is the higher amount shown before any deductions are taken out of your check.
✓ If you are converting a weekly "gross income" figure to a "monthly gross income" figure, multiply the weekly amount by 4.33 (52 weeks divided by 12 months = 4.33 average weeks in a month).

**MONTHLY GROSS INCOME**

**(7)** If you estimate or attribute income in Item 8, check the box indicating which parent's income is estimated or attributed, and explain in Item 7 on the Basis For Amounts Shown on Worksheet. Examples of ESTIMATED income: He was promoted to supervisor and I know that position pays more; she has the same job as my sister, who works at the same place and makes this amount. Example of ATTRIBUTED income: My ex-wife was a secretary earning $1500/month. Now she has remarried and is staying home as a homemaker.

**(8)** Type or print the total amount of your Gross Income each month. Gross income means the amount before taxes and other deductions are taken out. For income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a business, joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation, gross income means gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income. What you include as "ordinary and necessary expenses" may be adjusted by the court, if deemed inappropriate for determining gross income for child support. Ordinary and necessary expenses include one-half of the self-employment tax actually paid. Gross Income includes monies from:

- Salaries
- Bonuses
- Worker's Compensation Benefits
- Wages
- Dividends
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- Self-employment
- Severance Pay
- Disability Insurance Benefits (including Social Security disability)
- Income from a Business
- Pensions
- Rental Income
- Annuities
- Recurring Gifts
- Royalties
- Capital Gains
- Prizes (including lottery winnings)
- Interest
- Social Security Benefits
- Spousal Maintenance (Item 9)
- Commissions
- Retirement Plans
- Trust Income
- Expense Reimbursements (that reduce personal living expenses)

Gross Income **does not include** benefits from public assistance programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps, and General Assistance (GA); and, it **does not include** child support payments received.

Also type or print the total monthly gross income for the other parent, to the best of your knowledge. If a parent is unemployed or underemployed, you may ask the court to attribute income to that parent by entering an **estimate** of what you think that parent would be earning if he or she worked at full earning

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capacity. The court shall presume, in the absence of contrary testimony, that a non-custodial parent is capable of full-time employment at least at the federal adult minimum wage. [Guidelines 4.e.] This presumption **does not** apply to non-custodial parents under the age of eighteen who are attending high school. If gross income is attributed to the parent receiving support, appropriate child care expenses may also be attributed at Item 17.

If you are completing this Parent's Worksheet as part of a modification proceeding and your income is different from the court's most recent findings, you must attach documentation to verify your current income. The documentation should include: your most recent tax return, W-2, or 1099 forms and your most recent paycheck stub showing year-to-date information. If these are not available, provide other documentation such as a statement of earnings from your employer showing year-to-date income.

If you are completing this Parent's Worksheet as part of a modification proceeding and the income you show for the other party is different from that listed on the court's most recent findings regarding income of that parent, you must attach documentation of the amount **or** mark the box in Item 7 to show that the income amount is estimated/attributed and explain the basis for the amount shown in Item 7 on the Basis For Amounts Shown on Worksheet. [Guidelines 4]

## ADJUSTMENTS TO MONTHLY GROSS INCOME

**(9)** Type or print the total monthly amount of court-ordered spousal maintenance/support you and/or the other parent actually **pay to** a former spouse **or receive from** a former spouse. Also, the amount that is paid or received or will be paid or received in this court case each month. Spousal maintenance/support paid is a deduction from gross income. [Guidelines 2.c. and 5.a.]

**(10)** Type or print the total amount of court-ordered child support you and/or the other parent actually pay or contribute each month for children of other relationships. [Guidelines 5.a. and 5.c.]

**(11)** You may ask the court to consider the financial obligation you have to support other natural or adopted children for whom there is no court order requiring you to pay support. If you choose to do this, the adjustment amount you may request is determined by a simplified application of the guidelines. On the Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations, find the amount that is closest to the adjusted gross income amount of the parent requesting an adjustment. Go to the column for the number of children in question. Enter the amount shown there in Item 11. Complete Item 11 on the Basis For Amounts Shown on Worksheet to explain why you are requesting an adjustment, include the names, dates of birth and social security numbers of the children for whom an adjustment is requested. [Guidelines 5.c.]

**(12)** For each parent, add or subtract the numbers in Items 9 through 11 from the number in Item 8. Write the results for each parent on the line in Item 12. This is the Adjusted Monthly Gross Income for each parent. [Guidelines 6]

## COMBINED ADJUSTED MONTHLY GROSS INCOME

**(13)** Add the two numbers in Item 12 together (the one for the father and the one for the mother). This total is the Combined Adjusted Monthly Gross Income.

## BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION

**(14)** Enter the number of children from this relationship for whom support is being sought in this court action. Complete Item 14 on the Basis For Amounts Shown on Worksheet, including the name(s), date(s) of birth(s) and social security number(s) of the child(ren) for whom support is requested. Indicate if any of the children are age 12 or older.

**(15)** On the Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations, locate the amount that is closest to the Combined Adjusted Monthly Gross Income listed in Item 13. Go to the column for the number of children listed in Item 14. This amount is your Basic Child Support Obligation, enter it in Item 15. [Guidelines 7]

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**ADJUSTMENTS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES**
Place in the column for the parent paying the expenses.

**(16)** Type or print the monthly dollar amount of that portion of the insurance premium that is or will be paid for court-ordered medical and/or dental insurance for the child(ren) who is/are the subject(s) of this order. [Guidelines 8.a.]

**(17)** If the parent with primary physical custody is working or if you have attributed income to that parent in Item 7, type or print the monthly cost of work-related child care that parent pays. If these costs vary throughout the year, add the amounts for each month together and divide by 12 to annualize the cost. [Guidelines 8.b.1.A]

**(17a)** The court may apportion the benefit the custodial parent derives from any federal child and dependent care tax credits. If the custodial parent qualifies for a federal tax credit enter the amount as adjusted under Section 8.B.1.a. of the guidelines or the amount in Item 17.
[Guidelines 8.b.1.A]

If the non-custodial parent pays for work-related childcare during periods of physical custody, the amount paid by that parent may also be included here (each month's amount added together and divided by 12 to annualize the cost). The annualized amount paid directly by the non-custodial parent may be subtracted under the Non-custodial Child Care Adjustment section, Item 31. Complete Item 17 on the Basis for Amounts Shown on Worksheet.

**(18)** Type or print the monthly costs of reasonable and necessary expenses for special or private schools and special educational activities. These expenses must be agreed upon by both parents or ordered by the court. [Guidelines 8.b.1.B]

**(19)** If any of the children for whom support is being ordered are gifted or handicapped and have special needs that are not recognized elsewhere, the additional monthly cost of meeting those needs should be entered here. [Guidelines 8.b.1.C]

**(20)** Type or print the monthly costs of court-ordered supervised visitation or supervised exchanges, if not otherwise assigned by court order to one or both parties. [Guidelines 8.b.1.D.]

**(21)** Average expenditures for children age 12 or older are approximately 10% higher than those for younger children. Therefore, if support is being determined for children 12 or older, enter the number of children who are 12 or older, and the monthly dollar amount of increase you believe this warrants. The highest possible increase would be 10% of the basic child support obligation. If more than one child is 12 or older, divide the basic support obligation by the number of children and multiply that figure by the number of children 12 or older; up to 10% of this amount may be requested as an adjustment. Explain why you think more support is needed on the Basis for Amounts Shown on Worksheet, Item 19. [Guidelines 8.b.2.]

**(22)** Add the amounts from Items 16, 17, 17a, 18, 19, 20 and 21 for both parents. Enter the total amount on the line in Item 22.

**TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION**

**(23)** Add the amounts from Items 15 and 22. Enter the total amount on the line in Item 23. This is the Total Child Support Obligation amount.

**EACH PARENT'S PERCENTAGE (%) OF COMBINED INCOME**

Complete the calculations in this section to the best of your knowledge and ability. [Guidelines 9]

**(24)** For each parent, type or print the amount shown in Item 12.

**(25)** For each parent, type or print the amount shown in Item 13.

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**(26)** For each parent, divide the amount written in Item 24 by the amount written in Item 25. This will probably give you a decimal point answer less than 100%. However, if one parent earns all of the income for the family, this number will be 100%.

EXAMPLE: Item 24 = $600
Item 25 = $1000 $600 - $1,000 = .60 or 60%

**EACH PARENT'S PERCENTAGE (%) OF THE TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION**

Complete the calculations in this section to the best of your knowledge and ability.

**(27)** For each parent, type or print the amount shown in Item 23.

**(28)** For each parent, type or print the amount shown in Item 26.

**(29)** For each parent, multiply the number in Item 27 by the number for that parent in Item 28. This equals the amount each parent should pay for child support.

EXAMPLE: Item 27 = $189
Item 28 = 60% $189 x .60 = $113.40

**ADJUSTMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH VISITATION**

**(30)** To adjust for the costs of visitation, first determine the total amount of visitation indicated in a court order or parenting plan or by the expectation or historical practice of the parents. Using the following definitions, add together each period of visitation within twenty-four hours to arrive at the total number of visitation days per year.

**A.** "One day" means more than 12 continuous and consecutive hours or an overnight.
**B.** "One-half day" means more than 4 hours and up to and including 12 continuous and consecutive hours.
**C.** "One-quarter day" means up to and including 4 continuous and consecutive hours.

For purposes of calculating visitation days, only the time spent by a child with the non-custodial parent is considered. Time that the child is in school or childcare is not considered.

Calculate the total number of visitation days by determining the extended periods of visitation first. Potential midweek visits or weekends should be reduced to reflect time spent on extended visitation periods.

Example: Father's visitation schedule calls for four weeks of summer visitation, alternating weekends and one midweek visit each week. The summer visitation of 4 weeks reduces the potential alternating weekends from 26 to 24. The midweek visits are also reduced from 52 to 48.

After determining the total number of visitation days, refer to "Visitation Table A"

"Visitation Table A" assumes that as the number of visitation days approaches equal time sharing (143 days and above), certain costs usually incurred only in the custodial household are assumed to be substantially or equally shared by both parents. These costs are for items such as the child's clothing and personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials. If this assumption is rebutted by proof,
however, by the person objecting to the assumption taking place, that these items are not duplicated in each household, only "Visitation Table B" must be used to calculate the visitation adjustment for this range of days.

If time with each parent is essentially equal, neither party receives a visitation adjustment. [Guidelines 10]

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| VISITATION TABLE A | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Visitation Days | | Adjustment Percentage |
| 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 4 | 20 | .012 |
| 21 | 38 | .031 |
| 39 | 57 | .050 |
| 58 | 72 | .085 |
| 73 | 87 | .105 |
| 88 | 115 | .161 |
| 116 | 129 | .195 |
| 130 | 142 | .253 |
| 143 | 152 | .307 |
| 153 | 162 | .362 |
| 163 | 172 | .422 |
| 173 | 182 | .486 |

| VISITATION TABLE B | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of Visitation Days | | Adjustment Percentage |
| 143 | 152 | .275 |
| 153 | 162 | .293 |
| 163 | 172 | .312 |
| 173 | 182 | .331 |

**MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT**

**(31)** If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payment is the same parent who will pay the children's medical insurance premium, enter the amount from Item 16 here.

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**NON-CUSTODIAL CHILD CARE ADJUSTMENT**

**(31)** If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payments pays for work-related child care during periods of visitation, enter the amount from Item 17a. Complete Item 17 on the Basis for Amounts Shown on Worksheet.

**EXTRA EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT**

**(31)** If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payment is the same parent who will pay the children's reasonable and necessary expenses for attending private or special schools, enter the amount from Item 18 here.

**EXTRAORDINARY/SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD**

**(31)** If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payment is the same parent who will pay the special needs of gifted or handicapped children, enter the amount from Item 19 here.

**COURT-ORDERED VISITATION/EXCHANGE**

**(31)** If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payment is the same parent who will pay the costs associated with court-ordered supervision or supervised exchanges, enter the amount from Item 20 here.

**ADJUSTMENTS SUBTOTAL**

**(31)** For the non-custodial parent, add the amounts entered in Items 30 and 31. Enter the total in Item 32.

**PRELIMINARY CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT**

**(33)** Deduct the amount in Item 32 from Item 29. [Guidelines 11]

**EQUAL TIME SHARING, UNEQUAL INCOMES**

**(34)** If the time spent with each parent is essentially equal, but the incomes are not equal, the total child support amount shall be divided equally between the two households. In this case, adjustments under Item 31 apply for both parents, if the parent(s) pays a third party for the services listed under Item 31. The parent owing the greater amount shall be ordered to pay what is necessary to achieve that equal share in the other parent's household. Determine which parent has the lower preliminary child support amount from Item 33, deduct the lower amount from the higher amount, divide that amount in half. The resulting amount is paid to the parent with the lower obligation. Enter the amount in Item 34. If time with each parent is essentially equal, neither party receives a visitation adjustment. [Guidelines 10]

**MULTIPLE CHILDREN, DIVIDED CUSTODY**

**(35)** When each parent is granted physical custody of at least one of the parties' children, each parent is obligated to contribute to the support of all the children. However, the amount of current support to be paid by the parent having the greater support obligation shall be reduced by the amount of support owed to that parent by the other parent. Determine which parent has the lower preliminary child support amount from Item 33, deduct the lower amount from the higher amount. The resulting amount is paid to the parent with the lower obligation. Enter the amount in Item 35. [Guidelines 14]

**SELF SUPPORT RESERVE TEST**

**(36a)** Enter the paying parent's adjusted gross income from Item 12, then enter $710 (the self-support reserve amount) in Item 36a. [Guidelines 13]

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**(36b)** The court may deduct from the non-custodial parent's adjusted gross income for purposes of the self support serve test only, court-ordered arrears on child support for children of other relationships or spousal maintenance, if actually paid. Enter any arrears amount actually paid in Item 36b. [Guidelines 13]

**(37)** Deduct $710 (the self-support reserve amount) and any arrears amount actually paid, from the adjusted gross income of the parent who will pay support. If the resulting amount is less than the preliminary child support amount, the court may reduce the current child support order to the resulting amount after first considering the financial impact the reduction would have on the custodial household. The test applies only to the current support obligation, but does not prohibit an additional amount to be ordered to reduce an obligor's arrears. Absent a deviation, the preliminary child support amount or the result of the self-support reserve test is the amount of the child support to be ordered in Item 38. [Guidelines 13]

**AMOUNT TO BE ORDERED BASED ON THESE CALCULATIONS**

**(38)** The amount on this Item is the amount of child support that should be ordered based on your calculations. ENTER THE LESSER AMOUNT FROM Item 33, 34, 35 or 36.

**DEVIATION FROM THE GUIDELINES AMOUNT**

**(39)** The court shall deviate from the guidelines (i.e., order support in an amount different from the amount which is calculated under these guidelines), if an order would be unjust or inappropriate. Show the total support amount you believe should be ordered. A deviation can only be ordered if the court makes appropriate findings. Complete Item 39 on the Basis For Amounts Shown on Worksheet if you believe a deviation is warranted. [Guidelines 18]

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR VISITATION-RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES**

**(40)** The court may allocate the costs of visitation-related travel. On the Basis for Amounts Shown on Worksheet, Item 40, describe the expected visitation plan and related travel/transportation expenses. On this Item, list the dollar amount or percentage you think each parent should pay toward the travel/transportation costs. The court will decide how to allocate the expense. The allocation of expense does not change the amount of the support ordered in Item 38. [Guidelines 16]

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES NOT PAID BY INSURANCE**

**(41)** The court must specify each parent's proportionate share of uninsured medical expenses for the children. Based on each parent's ability to pay, indicate what you think this percentage should be for each parent. The court will make the final decision. [Guidelines 8.a.]

**SIGNATURE LINE**

**(42)** The person completing the worksheet must sign here before a Notary Public or Court Clerk affirming the correctness of the information. (If both parents complete the form together, both should sign here.)

**WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS WORKSHEET:**

If you are completing this worksheet to **establish** a child support obligation:

- ✓ Make a copy of the worksheet for your records;
- ✓ Make a copy to send or deliver to the other party and/or the state prior to the hearing;
- ✓ Take the original to court at the time of your hearing; and
- ✓ Take financial documentation.

If you are completing this worksheet to **modify** a child support obligation:

- ✓ Attach any documentation required for Item 7 or 8;
- ✓ Make a copy of the worksheet for your records;
- ✓ Make a copy of the worksheet to serve on the other party and/or the state; and
- ✓ Attach the original worksheet to the Request for Modification of Child Support Pursuant to Guidelines' Simplified Procedure and file it with the Clerk of Superior Court.

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# INSTRUCTIONS: HOW TO COMPLETE THE *"CHILD SUPPORT ORDER"*

**Follow these instructions numbered to match the numbers on the "*Child Support Order.*" Type or print neatly using BLACK INK ONLY.**

**(1)** Fill in the name of the county in which this child support order is being filed (some forms already have this filled in).

**(2)** Fill in your case number. If you do not have a case number, leave this item blank.

**(3)** If you are providing this information to **establish** a child support order, fill in the name, date of birth (DOB), and social security number (SSN) of the person who is shown as the Petitioner on the petition to establish child support or to get other relief (divorce, paternity, etc.)

If you are providing this information to **modify** your current support order, fill in the name, date of birth (DOB) and social security number (SSN) of the person who is shown as the Petitioner on the order that established the child support order.

**(4)** Fill in the name, date of birth (DOB), and social security number (SSN) of the person shown as the Respondent on the document you used to answer number 2.

**(14)** Fill in the full name(s), birth date(s), and social security number(s) of the child(ren) who are the subject of this ***"Child Support Order."*** (Use extra pages if necessary).

**(PLEASE NOTE: The numbering system on the document relates to the numbering system of the "*Parent's Worksheet for Child Support.*" Any number that has been left out, has been left out for a reason.)**

Using your completed ***"Parent's Worksheet for Child Support"*** (Parent's Worksheet), **copy** the figures from items numbered **(8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (15), (16), (17), (18), (19), (20), (21), (22), (26), (29), (30), (31), (32), (34), and (35)** onto the "***Child Support Order"*** in the same numbered spaces.

**LEAVE THE REST OF THE FORM BLANK. THE JUDGE OR COMMISSIONER WILL COMPLETE THE REST OF THE INFORMATION AND SIGN THE ORDER.**

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# INSTRUCTIONS:
# HOW TO COMPLETE AN "*ORDER OF ASSIGNMENT*"

## DEFINITIONS:

- **Obligor** is the person ordered to make support payments.
- **Obligee** is the person or agency entitled to receive support

## COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR AN "*ORDER OF ASSIGNMENT*" IF:

- You have completed a ***"Request for an Ex Parte Assignment"*** or
- You have been ordered by the court to prepare an ***"Order of Assignment"*** or
- You are a party to a case in which the court may establish or modify a support obligation.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

| Step Number | Instructions |
|---|---|
| | **TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY USING BLACK INK**. Follow the instructions given below. Match each numbered step in the instructions with the item on the ***"Order of Assignment"*** that has the same number. |
| **(1)** | Type or print the name of the county in which this order is being filed. (This may already be printed on the form.) |
| **(2)** | Type or print the name of the person who is shown as the Petitioner/Plaintiff on the order that established the support obligation. If there is no order, type or print the name of the person shown as the Petitioner/Plaintiff in the original petition filed in the case. |
| **(3)** | Type or print the name of the person shown as the Respondent/Defendant on the order that established the support obligation. If there is no order, type or print the name of the person shown as the Respondent/Defendant in the original petition filed in the case. |
| **(4)** | Type or print the case number that appears on the support order. If the order was issued in a county other than the one where you are filing this request and order, leave this item blank. If you do not have an order establishing a support obligation, leave this item blank. |
| **(5)** | If you are completing this order because you have completed a "***Request for an Ex Parte Assignment,"*** mark the "Ex Parte" box. |

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If you are completing this order for any other reason, mark the “Automatic/After Hearing” box unless the court orders you to do otherwise.

**(6)** Type or print the complete name (first, middle and last) and the Social Security Number of the Obligor (the person ordered to make support payments.)

**(7)** If you marked the “Automatic/After Hearing” box in item (6), leave this item blank. If you marked the “Ex Parte” box in item (6), fill in the monthly amount of each obligation that you are including in your request for assignment. The current child support and spousal maintenance/support amounts must be the same as the amounts listed in the Request, items (9) and (10). If you are requesting payment on arrearages (past due child support), the amount entered must be the same as the amount listed on the Request, item (14) of the Request. Then enter the total amount of all monthly obligations.

**(8)** Type or print your case number that appears in item (5) above.

**(9)** Indicate where payments are to be sent.

**(10)** Leave this area blank. The Judicial Officer or Clerk will date and sign the order.

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY
# PARENTING TIME (formerly known as "Parent/Child Access" or "Visitation") GUIDELINES

### 1. PURPOSE

These Guidelines are designed to provide assistance to the parents in the resolution of issues relating to parenting time and to provide assistance to the court in formulating access orders when the parents are unable to reach an agreement. The underlying purpose of any such agreement or order is to provide for the best interest of each child after giving full consideration to the facts and issues that are relevant to each family.

### 2. USES AND LIMITATIONS

These Guidelines are designed to be used by parents, their attorneys, family counselors and the Conciliation Services of the Court. Effective use of these Guidelines requires that each parent review the Guidelines from beginning to end prior to reaching any conclusion as to the appropriate resolution of each case. These Guidelines will have limited benefit unless each parent reviews the Guidelines fully. After the Guidelines have been reviewed, the parents should develop a child care plan that will be in the best interest of their own child(ren). To use these Guidelines properly, the parties are encouraged to seek the assistance of Conciliation Services. Conciliation Services are available in the form of either counseling or mediation of custody issues, both of which are available **at no charge.**

To facilitate negotiation by parties, a proposed plan of parenting time should be exchanged between the parents whenever the custodial arrangement is at issue. The custodial plans should be as detailed as reasonably possible, while at the same time allowing flexibility for changes, both by the parents and by the child(ren) if sufficiently mature.

The parents should meet annually or as needed to schedule the coming year. The use of a calendar for scheduling purposes is highly recommended. The parents' work schedules and the child(ren)'s school and extracurricular activities need to be considered when developing such a plan. This is especially true for those parents who do not enjoy a traditional work week. The plan should assign responsibility for transportation, cleaning (both clothes and child(ren)), homework and meals. While parenting time should be an enjoyable and enriching experience to both parents and child(ren), it is an obligation and responsibility for each parent as well as a right and a privilege. Both parents must also have a good faith commitment to developing and carrying out a parenting time plan. Arizona law requires that the court, "shall determine custody," in every custody order and in every modification of a custody order. While a court may enter an order regarding parenting time without the direct use of the word "custody," the order must, at some point, designate one parent as the custodial parent or must designate specific periods of time that each parent is the custodial parent.

### 3. ASSUMPTIONS

These Guidelines are based on the premise that:

A. Both parents are fit.
B. Both parents desire to have an ongoing relationship with each child.
C. Both parents are able to carry out the childcare plan.
D. Any negotiated solution with meaningful input from the parents and, where applicable, the child(ren), is preferred to a court imposed solution.

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E. It is usually in the child(ren)'s best interest for each parent to have frequent, meaningful and continuing access to the child(ren).

F. That the child(ren) need(s) reliability, predictability and consistency on the part of each parent.

G. That frequent, meaningful and continuing access to each parent offers the child(ren) a sense of significance--"I am a person, I am important and I count."

H. That the child(ren) need(s) continuous access, direct experience and openness of communication with each parent and an absence of involvement in the mutual blaming of the parents.

**4. GENERAL RULES**

Experience has dictated a number of common sense guidelines that should be followed in every case. Some of these guidelines are also supported by law. Except as otherwise ordered by the court:

A. Both parents are entitled to access to records and information on the medical care of the child(ren) directly from the health care provider as well as from the other parent. Each parent should notify the other promptly of any significant medical treatment.

B. Both parents are entitled to access to all school records of the child(ren) directly from the school as well as from the other parent. School reports should be photocopied promptly after receipt and supplied to the other parent. Both parents should be notified promptly of all child-related activities which encourage or allow parental participation.

C. Both parents are reminded that parenting time and child support, while they may be emotionally connected, are separate legal issues. Arizona law provides that parental access may not be denied due to the failure to pay child support. It also provides that child support may not be withheld due to the failure of a parent to allow access.

D. Parents should share with each other their residence and work addresses and phone numbers.

E. Each parent should encourage the child(ren) to initiate telephone and/or mail contact with the other parent on a regular basis.

F. The parents should not discuss their marital problems with the child(ren). They should not try to turn the child(ren) against the other parent by discussing with the child(ren) the shortcomings of the other parent.

G. The parents should not attempt to buy the favor of the child(ren) with presents, special treatment, special privileges or promises.

H. Parents should not make their child(ren) choose between the two parents.

I. Parents should not question their child(ren)regarding the activities of the other parent.

J. Parents should not make promises that cannot be kept.

K. Parents should not fight with the other parent in the presence of their child(ren).

L. Parents should be prompt with appointments with the child(ren). It is unfair to keep a child waiting, and worse, to disappoint the child(ren) by not showing up at all. When unforeseen circumstances prevent compliance within approximately 15 minutes of the scheduled time

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of exchange, immediate notification should be given, if possible, and appropriate alternative arrangements should be made. Alternative arrangements may include delayed scheduling, make-up access, or skipped access. For those occasional circumstances when a parent cannot meet the prearranged schedule, that parent should be responsible for the reasonable expenses incurred for child care, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both parents.

M. Parents should coordinate plans regarding bedtime, discipline, homework schedule and other household rules.

**5. FACTORS FOR BASIC AND OPTIONAL ACCESS**

The plan for basic and optional access is designed to allow the parents, and the court if necessary, to select the proper child care plan depending upon the family circumstances. Basic access is designed to be just that, a minimum level of access which would apply to a large number of families without further modification. For families considering the optional access, consideration of the following factors are important:

A. The geographic location of each parent;

B. Each parent's willingness and ability to perform the child care duties associated with the child(ren), relative to the child(ren)'s stage of development such as feeding, changing, bathing, preparing the child(ren) for school, taking responsibility for the child(ren)'s homework, etc.;

C. Each parent's ability to care for the child(ren)'s needs (historical involvement alone is not the critical focus; rather, a parent's willingness and ability to learn the necessary skills should be a determining consideration);

D. The lack of hostility between the parents;

E. The ability of both parents' work schedules and the child(ren)'s schedule to accommodate extended access;

F. The child(ren)'s age(s) and strength of attachment to each parent;

G. The child(ren)'s relationship with his/her friends; and

H. The regular and consistent access that has been maintained by the visiting parent under the basic access plan along with a desire to increase the time commitment.

Arizona law establishes certain criteria to be met prior to the entry of an order for joint custody. Optional access which approaches an award of joint custody requires compliance with the statutory joint custody criteria.

**6. PARENTING TIME**

The following guidelines provide various programs for parenting time plans.

**A. Infant up to Age Six Months**

1. **Basic Access:** Ideally, access should be brief but frequent throughout the week. For those parents whose schedules permit, access is recommended three times a week at two hours each for the early months. As the child progresses to the age of six months, an additional

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four hours should be added during the day on the weekend. For those parents unable to have the frequent access, which is recommended, the alternative would be a four-hour access on the weekend.

2. **Optional Access:** Optional access includes one or more of the following: One access each week following birth and progressing to a total of three to four access times per week at four hours each with a weekend overnight suggested.

**B. Six Months to Three Years**

1. **Basic Access:** Provided regular access between parents and child(ren) has been maintained, access from six to twelve months should include the day of Saturday, and starting from twelve months to three years, access should progress up to alternate weekends (Saturday a.m. to Sunday p.m.) and one mid-week (not overnight).

2. **Optional Access:** Optional access includes one or more of the following: extending the weekend so that it begins on either Friday or Thursday; allowing additional weekday access; allowing a mid-week overnight access.

**C. Three Years to Five Years**

1. **Basic Access:** Alternating weekends; one mid-week (overnight optional) in alternate weeks. Holidays should be either shared or alternated.

2. **Optional Access:** Optional access includes one or more of the following: begin the weekend on Thursday; end the weekend on Monday or Tuesday; split or alternate the week; one to two mid-week overnights in alternating weeks.

**D. Six Years to Twelve Years**

1. **Basic Access:** Alternating weekends; one mid-week (overnight optional). Holidays should be either shared or alternated.

2. **Optional Access:** Optional access includes one or more of the following: begin the weekend on Thursday; end the weekend on Monday or Tuesday; split or alternate the week; one to two mid-week overnights in alternating weeks; add a third weekend per month.

3. **Comment:** As the child(ren) reach junior high, increasing consideration should be given to the child(ren)'s activities; a less structured and more flexible schedule is recommended. Regardless of how unstructured or flexible the schedule is, access must still occur on a regular basis.

**E. Thirteen Years and Older**

1. **Basic Access:** Alternating weekends; one mid-week (overnight optional). Holidays should be either shared or alternated.

2. **Optional Access:** Additional access as may be arranged between both parents and child(ren).

3. **Comment:** At this age, parents should make individual arrangements for each child regardless of the formal custody arrangements. All schedules, time-sharing, vacation schedules and holidays must remain flexible to accommodate the activities and interest of each child. Direct discussions are encouraged between parents and the child(ren) to formalize the parenting time plan for this age range. The basic access plan described

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above for this age range is simply a "minimum" plan for those families without any other agreement.

**F. Child Care**

When one parent will be absent from the home for an extended period of time, the child(ren) should spend the period of absence with the other parent, assuming such plan is appropriate for the child(ren). This also assumes that geographic location of both parents, the child(ren)'s age(s) and outside activities and the parent's work schedules all accommodate the arrangement. The period of absence which triggers the exchange will vary depending upon the circumstances of the parties. As the hostility level between the parents is reduced, the period triggering the exchange is reduced. This allows additional access between parent and child(ren) and has additional advantage of eliminating the expense for extended care providers.

**G. Holidays**

Holidays are to be alternated or shared between the parents. The child(ren) should be with mother on Mother's Day and with father on Father's Day.

**H. Extended Access/Vacation**

Infants and children up to school age should be permitted to have extended access to the other parent on an increasing time basis. It is important to note that for children up to three years of age, the child(ren) should not be deprived of contact with the primary parent for more than one week at a time. For children ages three years to school age, the child(ren) ordinarily should not be deprived of access to the other parent for more than two consecutive weeks. For children six years and older, the basic vacation access should be in the range of two to four weeks with optional access extending up to ten weeks or so. For children in junior high and high school, parents should consider the comments in sections D and E above.

Each parent is entitled to two uninterrupted weeks for out-of-town travel. Except for the two weeks of out-of-town travel, the parent exercising the vacation access time is to allow the other parent the equivalent parenting time that the vacationing parent enjoys during the remainder of the year. The child(ren) should return from vacation at least one week prior to the start of school.

**7. PARENT/CHILD ACCESS-LONG DISTANCE**

Children under the age of five should not travel alone unless appropriate travel arrangements have been made. Access, including overnights, should be given when a parent is traveling to the community in which the child(ren) lives, provided a minimum of 48 hours notice is given to the other parent. If the parent and child(ren) travel to the other parent's community, similar access should be arranged. During periods of long distance access, access shall be given the other parent.

A. **Pre-Kindergarten Age**

Access should be provided during the summer and at other times with consideration given to access periods of two to six weeks.

B. **Summer Access-School-Age Child**

Summer access of four to ten weeks is suggested with consideration for the child(ren)'s employment, organized activities and other outside activities. Consideration should also be given to such factors as the amount of time that the child(ren) has been apart from the other parent, the facilities for the child(ren) available to the other parent who will have summer access, arrangements that are made for the child(ren)'s care during the summer access, as well as the need for establishing and/or maintaining a relationship with the parent who has summer access.

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C. **School Year Access-School-Age Child**

School year access is suggested, provided it coincides with the child(ren)'s school holiday times.

D. **Additional Access**

Additional access during the school year is recommended, in particular, on the extended weekends (three-day weekends), provided that the additional access is logistically possible based upon the distance, available transportation, schedule of the children and the parties, and the lack of interference with the child's ongoing schooling.

**8. FACTORS FOR LIMITATIONS**

There are some families that cannot justify basic access, and reference should then be made to ARS 25-337 and other applicable laws.

**9. DEFINITIONS**

In the absence of an agreement of the parties or an order of the court, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

A. **Day:** Up to eight consecutive hours;

B. **Weekend:** From 5:30 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday;

C. **Mid-Week (Not Overnight):** From 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In the absence of an agreement as to the day, this shall be on Wednesday;

D. **Mid-Week (Overnight):** From 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. In the absence of an agreement as to the day, this shall be Wednesday night;

E. **Holidays:** This typically includes Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring break. It also includes such other holidays or days of special observance as per the agreement of the parties or order of the court;

F. **Long Distance:** Either the court or the parties may define long distance after considering the distance between the parties, the time necessary for travel, the convenience and expense of travel, the availability of resources and other alternatives.

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# JOINT CUSTODY GUIDELINES

### ARS 25-331.01 defines custody as follows:

1. **"Joint Custody"** means joint legal custody or joint physical custody, or both.

2. **"Joint Legal Custody"** means the condition under which both parents share legal custody and neither parent's rights are superior except with respect to specified decisions as set forth by the court or the parents in the final judgment or order.

3. **"Joint Physical Custody"** means the condition under which the physical residence of the child(ren) is shared by the parents in a manner that assures that the child(ren) has/have substantially equal time and contact with both parents.

4. **"Sole Custody"** means the condition under which one person has legal custody.

5. **"Parenting Time (formerly known as "Visitation")** means the condition under which a parent has the right to have the child(ren) physically placed with the parent and the right and responsibility to make, during that placement, routine daily decisions regarding the child(ren)'s care consistent with the major decisions made by the person having legal custody.

The written joint custody proposal pays attention to the cooperative sharing of physical care responsibilities; it is a blend of specific information with generalized plans of action. It should reflect what the parents are currently doing or what they actually plan to do. It should reflect a commitment to the child(ren)'s needs as predominant. The sharing of physical care responsibilities should not avoid or cover up disagreement by the parents on one or more issues.

**NOTE: In order for the court to approve a joint custody agreement, ARS 25-332 requires the court to make the following findings:**

a. The best interests of the child(ren) are served;
b. Each parent's rights and responsibilities for personal care of the child(ren) and for decisions in the areas of education, health care, and religious training are designated;
c. A schedule of the physical residence of the child(ren), including holidays and school vacations is included;
d. The plan includes a procedure for periodic review;
e. The plan includes a procedure by which proposed changes, disputes and alleged breaches may be mediated or resolved, which may include the use of Conciliation Services or private counseling; and
f. The parties understand that joint custody does not necessarily mean equal parenting time.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** Per A.R.S 25-332, an award of joint custody does not diminish the responsibility of either parent to provide for the support of the child(ren).

The following represent items that should be included in the Joint Custody Proposal:

1. **The geographical location of the parents:** Where do parents live relative to one another? What are their addresses? Permanent or temporary?

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2. **Arrangements regarding the residential requirements of the child(ren):** How much time will the child(ren)spend with each parent? Be as specific as possible, including days and times.

3. **Arrangements for holidays and vacations:** What are your plans for summer vacation and school breaks? List specific details including dates and times.

4. **Arrangements for education:** How will decisions be made for educational matters? For example, if preschool age, what school will the child(ren) attend? If private school, who pays what?

5. **Additional transportation arrangements:** Will any additional transportation arrangements be needed? If so, what will be the responsibilities of each parent?

6. **Determinations regarding child(ren)'s health care:** For example, how will medical decisions be made? Who will provide insurance? How are non-insured expenses paid? Who decides on seeking non-emergency treatment? Is there a dental plan? If not, who will pay what?

7. **Arrangements regarding extraordinary expenses:** For example, what financial arrangements are made for the child(ren) (such as each sharing extraordinary expenditures and the parent with whom the child(ren) resides bearing the ordinary ones during the child(ren)'s residency)? A fixed amount per month?

8. **Arrangements for child(ren)'s religious training, if any:** For example, how will decisions be made for religious training? What, if any, are the plans for religious training?

9. **Any other factors:** What other arrangements (such as music lessons, sports/activity fees, camp or Scouts) are needed?

The following items shall be included in the written Joint Custody Proposal:

**A.** If major changes arise, such as moving or remarriage, and the present child care arrangements are no longer feasible, the parents shall agree to renegotiate the terms of the plan with the aid of a Conciliation Services counselor or independent mediator prior to any court actions being considered.

**B.** A procedure for periodic review of the joint custody plan (e.g., parents agree to review the terms of the agreement every _____).

**C.** A statement that parents understand that joint custody does not necessarily mean equal parenting time.

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