



# Family Law

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YOUR EX DOES!



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## Q

I work for a local auto manufacturer, and due to supply issues, my income is way down in 2020 and present but my ex-wife refuses to reduce child support. I looked it up and I should be paying way less. What can I do? FRO takes the money regardless!

## A

I am certain that others are in the same financial position as you are right now. What can you do? Regardless of your circumstances, create a paper trail right away: email her with your 2020 Notice of Assessment and your year-to-date 2021 paystub, and ask her to adjust the child support downward. These processes take time, and that way later on you have a shot at having the child support reduction go back to the date of the email.

The answer is dependent on your circumstances. If you are paying on the basis of a 'handshake agreement', it is tempting to simply look up what you should be paying on [mysupportcalculator.ca](https://mysupportcalculator.ca) or similar site, and reduce the amount you are paying, however I caution you against this approach as it leads to hard feelings and you have children to raise together.

You said your child support goes through FRO, or the Family Responsibility Office, which means you have been to Court and there is an Order, or a Separation Agreement which specifies payment through FRO. Your ex is refusing consent to change the child support payment to reflect your last years and current reduced income. Your only option is to proceed quickly to retain a family lawyer to assist you with completing a Rule 15 motion, filing and serving. If money is tight, many lawyers such as ourselves offer unbundled hourly rates to help you where you need it, and you complete the rest.

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