



# Family Law

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YOUR EX DOES!



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## Q

I work at a local auto manufacturer, and this year shifts are cut back and I am making a lot less money than last year. My ex refuses to adjust the child support to reflect what I am making. What can I do?

## A

I know that many people are in the same situation as you; the good news is that you can do something about reducing the child support you are paying to reflect your reduced income.

Child support is geared to income and the number of children. It is easy to figure out what you should be paying; just sign onto [mysupportcalculator.ca](http://mysupportcalculator.ca) and put in your estimated current gross annual income [before deductions.] If the child support that you should be paying is substantially lower than the child support that you are currently paying, send a copy of your paystub and the calculation to your ex, and ask him/her to adjust child support.

If your ex refuses, then you need to complete a Rule15 Motion to Change, with a sworn financial statement and parenting affidavit, and serve them on your ex and file with the Court. This is more complicated than the good old days when you could walk into

the courthouse; now you need to e-serve, e-file and e-store your documents into a program called CaseLines. Family Responsibility Office forms will need to be completed to complete the change reducing the child support.

Family lawyers including our offices, now offer unbundled services- you can pay for what you need. For example, you may want to complete the documents and appear in court yourself, and pay for the lawyer to navigate the e-service, e-filing and CaseLines systems only; or you may want to have a lawyer to handle some or all of these tasks for you.

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