

FINANCIAL

Family Law

What you will find in this packet:

- **Additional Resources** (FamLaw-101-INFO)
- **Requirements for Filing Court Papers** (MC-500-INFO)
- **Financial Forms Packet – Info** (FamLaw-015a)
- **Income and Expense Declaration** (FL-150)
- **DO NOT COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS** (FamLaw-106a)
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You Can Get Court Forms FREE at: www.cc-courts.org/forms

If you don't find what you're looking for here, you may want to check out the additional resources listed on the back of this page

~ Additional Resources ~

Contra Costa Superior Court

www.cc-courts.org/familylaw

Virtual Self-Help Law Center

www.cc-courthelp.org/familylawtopics

Family Law court is for people who are ending a marriage or other committed relationship, dividing what they own and owe, working out child custody and visitation issues, dealing with child support or spousal support, addressing domestic violence issues, or identifying a child's legal parents.

Often, people involved in court cases need more than just legal help. It's important that you understand what is happening to you and get the help you need. For some suggestions about where to get other help, go to the California Court's Self-Help Center at www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm or check out one of the sites below:

Contra Costa County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service

www.cccba.org/community/find-a-lawyer/index.php

Contra Costa County (CA) Resource Center (211)

65.166.193.134/IFTWSQL4/cccc/public.aspx

(or do an internet search for 211 Contra Costa County Resource Center)

Legal glossaries in 12 languages, prepared by the Superior Court in Sacramento

www.saccourt.ca.gov

A Guide to California's Free Website for Legal Help

www.lawhelpcalifornia.org

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MODERATE MEANS PROGRAM

IF you qualify*,
we will refer you to an experienced Family Law Attorney
who has agreed to represent clients at a reduced rate.
Please telephone us at:

925 / 677- 0234

Monday - Friday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**This is not a low income or pro-bono service.*

The Clerk of the Court cannot accept for filing any papers that do not comply with California Rules of Court 2.100 et seq. (CRC 2.118)

To avoid having your papers rejected by the clerk:

Use Judicial Council forms whenever possible

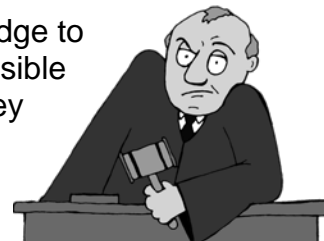
If you print Judicial Council forms from your computer, print them out single-sided. (Don't print double-sided unless you know how to tumble the pages). Judicial Council forms can be found at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm>.

If the form you need is not on the Judicial Council website, you will have to make your own form which follows these rules

1. White or unbleached paper – 8 1/2 by 11 inches
2. One-sided paper – only one side of each page may be used
3. 12 pt font (Courier, Times New Roman, Arial or equivalent (Handwritten papers are OK – but write legibly)
4. Line spacing - One and one-half or double-spaced (use pleading paper – either the Judicial Council form MC-20 or create your own using the legal template in your word processor)
5. Margins – at least 1 inch from the left edge and 1/2 inch from right edge
6. Page Numbers – pages must be numbered consecutively on the bottom (1, 2, 3 ...)
7. Binding – Original and copies must be firmly bound (e.g. stapled) AND the Original must be 2-hole punched at the top.

You will need the **Original document**, signed in ink (blue is best), and correct number of identical copies (***original for the Court, a copy for each party***) for the clerk to file.

The Rules are important – Remember - You want the Judge to understand what you have written. Don't make that impossible by submitting papers that are too hard to read because they are upside down, the print is too small or too light, or the pages have fallen out of the file because they are too small or too large and/or not properly fastened.



INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION

You **must** complete, file and serve an Income and Expense Declaration Form (FL-150) if you are requesting financial orders from the court.

Attach proof of income for the last two months to the Income and Expense Declaration.

“Income” means income from all sources, including, but not limited to: salary, disability payments, workers’ compensation payments and other sources of income.

If you are self-employed:

Attach your most recent Schedule C from your tax return or a Profit and Loss Statement from the last two years.

Service on the other party:

When you file an Income and Expense Declaration, you must serve a blank Income and Expense Declaration on the other party.

If you think you qualify to use Financial Statement (Simplified) Form (FL-155), you can download a copy of the form at the court’s website, www.cc-courts.org/forms. If you need help with this form, go to the help desk at:

- Family Law Center, 751 Pine Street, Martinez
- Family Law Facilitator, 100 – 37th Street, Richmond

For days and times, check the Court’s website at:
www.cc-courts.org/court_tours

There are also audio-visual instructions for this form at:
www.cc-courthelp.org/formsinstructions

PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: E-MAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER: RESPONDENT: OTHER PARTY/PARENT/CLAIMANT:	
INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION	CASE NUMBER:

1. Employment (Give information on your current job or, if you're unemployed, your most recent job.)

Attach copies
of your pay
stubs for last
two months
(black out
Social
Security
numbers).

- a. Employer:
- b. Employer's address:
- c. Employer's phone number:
- d. Occupation:
- e. Date job started:
- f. If unemployed, date job ended:
- g. I work about _____ hours per week.
- h. I get paid \$ _____ gross (before taxes) ☐ per month ☐ per week ☐ per hour.

(If you have more than one job, attach an 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of paper and list the same information as above for your other jobs. Write "Question 1—Other Jobs" at the top.)

2. Age and education

- a. My age is (specify):
- b. I have completed high school or the equivalent: ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, highest grade completed (specify):
- c. Number of years of college completed (specify): ☐ Degree(s) obtained (specify):
- d. Number of years of graduate school completed (specify): ☐ Degree(s) obtained (specify):
- e. I have: ☐ professional/occupational license(s) (specify):
☐ vocational training (specify):

3. Tax information

- a. ☐ I last filed taxes for tax year (specify year):
- b. My tax filing status is ☐ single ☐ head of household ☐ married, filing separately
☐ married, filing jointly with (specify name):
- c. I file state tax returns in ☐ California ☐ other (specify state):
- d. I claim the following number of exemptions (including myself) on my taxes (specify):

- 4. Other party's income.** I estimate the gross monthly income (before taxes) of the other party in this case at (specify): \$
 This estimate is based on (explain):

(If you need more space to answer any questions on this form, attach an 8 1/2-by-11-inch sheet of paper and write the question number before your answer.) Number of pages attached: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained on all pages of this form and any attachments is true and correct.

Date: _____

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

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Attach copies of your pay stubs for the last two months and proof of any other income. Take a copy of your latest federal tax return to the court hearing. (Black out your Social Security number on the pay stub and tax return.)

5. Income (For average monthly, add up all the income you received in each category in the last 12 months and divide the total by 12.)

	Last month	Average monthly
a. Salary or wages (gross, before taxes).....	\$	_____
b. Overtime (gross, before taxes).....	\$	_____
c. Commissions or bonuses.....	\$	_____
d. Public assistance (for example: TANF, SSI, GA/GR) <input type="checkbox"/> currently receiving	\$	_____
e. Spousal support <input type="checkbox"/> from this marriage <input type="checkbox"/> from a different marriage <input type="checkbox"/> federally taxable*	\$	_____
f. Partner support <input type="checkbox"/> from this domestic partnership <input type="checkbox"/> from a different domestic partnership	\$	_____
g. Pension/retirement fund payments.....	\$	_____
h. Social Security retirement (not SSI).....	\$	_____
i. Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security (not SSI) <input type="checkbox"/> State disability (SDI) <input type="checkbox"/> Private insurance	\$	_____
j. Unemployment compensation.....	\$	_____
k. Workers' compensation.....	\$	_____
l. Other (military allowances, royalty payments) (specify):	\$	_____

6. Investment income (Attach a schedule showing gross receipts less cash expenses for each piece of property.)

a. Dividends/interest.....	\$	_____
b. Rental property income.....	\$	_____
c. Trust income.....	\$	_____
d. Other (specify):	\$	_____

7. Income from self-employment, after business expenses for all businesses..... \$ _____

I am the ☐ owner/sole proprietor ☐ business partner ☐ other (specify): _____

Number of years in this business (specify): _____

Name of business (specify): _____

Type of business (specify): _____

Attach a profit and loss statement for the last two years or a Schedule C from your last federal tax return. Black out your Social Security number. If you have more than one business, provide the information above for each of your businesses.

8. ☐ **Additional income.** I received one-time money (lottery winnings, inheritance, etc.) in the last 12 months (specify source and amount): _____

9. ☐ **Change in income.** My financial situation has changed significantly over the last 12 months because (specify): _____

10. Deductions

	Last month
a. Required union dues.....	\$ _____
b. Required retirement payments (not Social Security, FICA, 401(k), or IRA).....	\$ _____
c. Medical, hospital, dental, and other health insurance premiums (total monthly amount).....	\$ _____
d. Child support that I pay for children from other relationships.....	\$ _____
e. Spousal support that I pay by court order from a different marriage <input type="checkbox"/> federally tax deductible*.....	\$ _____
f. Partner support that I pay by court order from a different domestic partnership.....	\$ _____
g. Necessary job-related expenses not reimbursed by my employer (attach explanation labeled "Question 10g").....	\$ _____

11. Assets

	Total
a. Cash and checking accounts, savings, credit union, money market, and other deposit accounts.....	\$ _____
b. Stocks, bonds, and other assets I could easily sell.....	\$ _____
c. All other property, <input type="checkbox"/> real and <input type="checkbox"/> personal (estimate fair market value minus the debts you owe).....	\$ _____

* Check the box if the spousal support order or judgment was executed by the parties and the court before January 1, 2019, or if a court-ordered change maintains the spousal support payments as taxable income to the recipient and tax deductible to the payor.

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12. The following people live with me:

Name	Age	How the person is related to me (ex: son)	That person's gross monthly income	Pays some of the household expenses?	
a.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
e.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

13. Average monthly expenses ☐ Estimated expenses ☐ Actual expenses ☐ Proposed needs

a. Home: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or <input type="checkbox"/> mortgage..... \$ _____ If mortgage: (a) average principal: \$ _____ (b) average interest: \$ _____ (2) Real property taxes..... \$ _____ (3) Homeowner's or renter's insurance (if not included above)..... \$ _____ (4) Maintenance and repair..... \$ _____ b. Health-care costs not paid by insurance..... \$ _____ c. Child care..... \$ _____ d. Groceries and household supplies..... \$ _____ e. Eating out..... \$ _____ f. Utilities (gas, electric, water, trash)..... \$ _____ g. Telephone, cell phone, and e-mail..... \$ _____	h. Laundry and cleaning..... \$ _____ i. Clothes..... \$ _____ j. Education..... \$ _____ k. Entertainment, gifts, and vacation..... \$ _____ l. Auto expenses and transportation (insurance, gas, repairs, bus, etc.)..... \$ _____ m. Insurance (life, accident, etc.; do not include auto, home, or health insurance)..... \$ _____ n. Savings and investments..... \$ _____ o. Charitable contributions..... \$ _____ p. Monthly payments listed in item 14 (itemize below in 14 and insert total here)... \$ _____ q. Other (specify): \$ _____ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> r. TOTAL EXPENSES (a–q) (do not add in the amounts in a(1)(a) and (b)) \$ _____ </div> s. Amount of expenses paid by others \$ _____
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14. Installment payments and debts not listed above

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- a. To date, I have paid my attorney this amount for fees and costs (specify): \$
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I confirm this fee arrangement.

Date: _____

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16. Number of children

- a. I have *(specify number)*: _____ children under the age of 18 with the other parent in this case.
- b. The children spend _____ percent of their time with me and _____ percent of their time with the other parent.
(If you're not sure about percentage or it has not been agreed on, please describe your parenting schedule here.)

17. Children's health-care expenses

- a. ☐ I do ☐ I do not have health insurance available to me for the children through my job.
- b. Name of insurance company: _____
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- d. The monthly cost for the **children's** health insurance is or would be *(specify)*: \$ _____
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(attach documentation of any item listed here, including court orders):

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**THESE FORMS SHOULD BE SERVED
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“FINANCIAL STATEMENT (SIMPLIFIED)”
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