

Registration

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REGISTRATION

The Manitoba Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) protects the interests of children and partners by enforcing maintenance orders. This registration package includes the forms needed to register with the MEP and directs you to the website for forms that are not included in the package that may be required, depending on your specific circumstances.

For additional information on the MEP, please visit the website at www.gov.mb.ca/justice/family/mep/index.html or contact:

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Forms Required for Registration:

- Enforcement Information form, (Form 70W available at www.gov.mb.ca, Province's Laws and Regulations, at Forms under Court Rules) and at the MEP website. Or you can choose the Opt In form available at the MEP website. When the MEP receives orders from the court, Form 70W is to be provided to the Court at the time the order is filed.
- Opt In form - If at the time the order was pronounced, a decision was made to "opt out" of MEP services you will need to complete an Opt In form
- Opt In form-if the registration is taking place at the time the order is being pronounced and your lawyer has completed a Form 70W for the Court, an Opt In is not required.
- Identification Form
- Statutory Declaration and Instruction Sheet
- Direct Deposit Form
- Fax and Email Authorization Form
- Manitoba court order for maintenance or certified copy of an out of province (or country) court order (up to five certified copies may be required) or a notarized copy of your Agreement.

Please remember to sign and date forms and have your signature witnessed on the Statutory Declaration. Return the completed package with your original signature to the mailing address above.

Additional Information:

Can I register even if there is no problem in receiving payments?

Yes. Some clients prefer payments to be recorded and tracked by the MEP or if they prefer not to deal directly with the other party regarding support payments.

Things to consider before registering with the MEP:

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- Registering with the MEP results in the inability for the creditor to receive payments on the date specified in the order or agreement. Even if the payment is voluntarily made on the due date, the MEP must process the payment.
- The MEP cannot guarantee that payments will be collected on time or how long it may take to collect payments when the person required to make payments does not pay voluntarily.
- The MEP can only collect payments for additional expenses such as school supplies and tuition unless specifically stated in the court order or agreement.
- The MEP can only enforce orders or agreements where the monthly amount payable is clearly set out with a due date.

Is there a fee for MEP Services:

The MEP services are free for creditors. If enforcement action is required, a debtor may be charged cost recovery fees. For information relating to late payment penalties and cost recovery fees, please visit our website.

If I choose to withdraw from MEP services, can I re-register?

Yes. Creditors need to consider the impact of withdrawing from MEP services. If enforcement action is in place at the time of withdrawal, all enforcement action is cancelled. Upon re-registration, enforcement action starts over and it may take a period of time for the file to progress to where it was at the time of withdrawal.

Is it necessary to receive payments by Direct Deposit?

Direct Deposit is the most efficient method of receiving payments from the MEP. Processing payments to a creditor by direct deposit allows for the quickest processing time. Additionally, there are no delays to receiving a payment when traditional mail delivery is delayed or interrupted. There are some circumstances when Direct Deposit is not feasible. To review a Direct Deposit Exemption form, please visit our website.

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