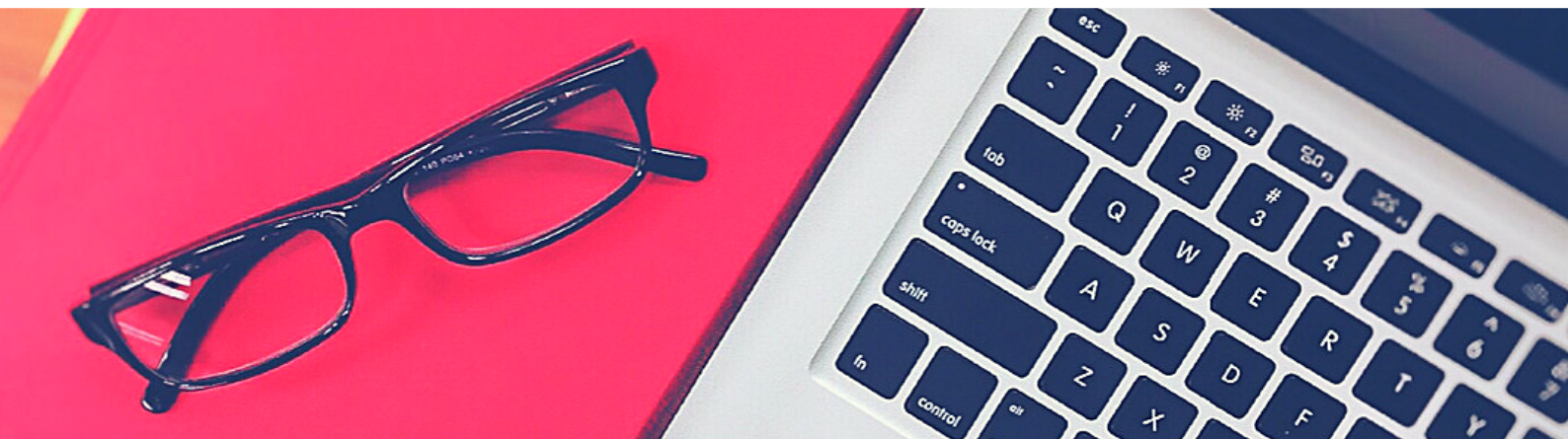




CHILD SUPPORT

If you have separated from the parent of your children you will either be receiving child support or paying child support, depending on which parent the children live with.



HOW DO I GET CHILD SUPPORT?

Child support can be confusing and complex so it is a good idea to obtain legal advice to ensure that the amount you are receiving or paying is fair and accurately represents you and your former spouse's financial and family circumstances.

Child support is administered by the Child Support Agency ("CSA"). You can apply to the CSA for an administrative assessment of child support.



HOW IS CHILD SUPPORT CALCULATED?

The amount payable is based on a complex formula. It takes into account:

1. Yours and your former spouse's income;
2. The age of the children, and
3. The number of nights that the children spend with either yourself or your former spouse.

The amount of child support payable is determined on a case by case basis, so for example, it is often the case that you may not receive the same amount of child support that your friend says they receive.

It is possible for you to vary the child support assessment in certain circumstances, for example, where the assessment is not based on your former spouse's actual income, there are extra costs to education the children such as private school fees, or you are paying for other benefits for the support of the children such as mortgage for the home where the children are living.

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