

# DETERMINATION OF CHILD SUPPORT

A standard method is used to determine child-support payments. Precise and objective rules take into account the needs of the child, the income earned by both parents and the custody arrangements.

To standardize the calculation of support payments, there are tables for determining the basic financial contribution to be made by each of the parents. However, the current method does not apply to child support awarded before May 1, 1997, unless the amount of support is revised after that date. Note that any judgment that awards support to both a child and a parent must distinguish the amount payable for the benefit of the child from the amount payable for the benefit of the parent.

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## **Indexation of support payments**

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Support payments are indexed according to the terms of the judgment that established them. Unless otherwise specified, they are automatically indexed on January 1 of each year.

Indexation applies to all judgments awarding support, unless the judgment stipulates otherwise.

Even if you are exempted from the support-payment collection program, your support payments must be indexed.

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### **Indexation rates**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Rate</b>
2017	1.4%
2016	1.2%
2015	1.8%
2014	0.9%
2013	1.8%
2012	2.8%
2011	1.7%
2010	0.4%
2009	2.5%
2008	2.0%
2007	2.1%
2006	2.3%
2005	1.7%
2004	3.2%
2003	1.6%
2002	3.0%
2001	2.5%
2000	1.6%