

Application for Maintenance



Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act, 1976, as amended.
Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010, as amended.
District Court

About this Form

This form is used to make an application to the District Court for a Maintenance Order.

- **Maintenance** is financial support paid by a person for the support of another person such as a dependent child, a spouse, a civil partner, or a qualified cohabitant.

! Please note that this form is only to be used if you are making your application in the Dublin Metropolitan District (Dublin District Court Family Law Office only)

There are **four sections** of this form:

Section A

Party Details

Section B

Maintenance Order Details

Section C

Dependent Child Details

Section D

Other Application Details

More Information

For more information on making an application for maintenance visit courts.ie/family-law

You should consider getting **legal advice** to get a better understanding of what is involved.

Mediation and support services are also available.



Scan the QR code for more info about Family Law, or visit courts.ie/family-law

The Legal Aid Board is a public body that provides legal and mediation services. To learn more visit legalaidboard.ie

Office Completion Only

Case Number

Court office stamp

Section A Party Details



In this section, please provide all applicant and respondent details

Applicant Details

Details of the person making the application

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town / City

County

Country

Eircode / Postcode

Email Address (Optional)

Contact Number (Optional)

Applicant Solicitor Details (leave blank if not applicable)

First Name

Last Name

Name of Legal Firm

Contact Number

Section A Party Details



In this section, please provide all applicant and respondent details

Respondent Details

Details of the person receiving the application

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town / City

County

Country

Eircode / Postcode

Section B Maintenance Order Details



In this section, please select the order(s) you wish to apply for

About this Section

This section contains the orders that you can apply to the court for. All references to “The 1976 Act” and “The 2010 Act” are in relation to Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act, 1976, as amended and the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 respectively.

Please go to the subsection that describes the relationship between the Applicant and Respondent


1 Applicant and Respondent are **Unmarried Parents**
Complete **subsection 1**, see **page 5**

2 Applicant and Respondent are **Married**
Complete **subsection 2**, see **page 5**

3 Applicant and Respondent are **Cohabitants**
Complete **subsection 3**, see **page 5**

4 Applicant and Respondent are **Civil Partners**
Complete **subsection 4**, see **page 6**

5 **Other**, where subsections 1 to 4 don't apply
Complete **subsection 5**, see **page 6**

 You must only complete the subsection(s) that relate to the orders you are asking the judge to make. You should consider getting legal advice, as it is important that you understand the orders and only select those relevant to your application.
For more information visit courts.ie

Mediation Details

Has mediation been attempted in relation to this application?

Yes

No

Section B

Maintenance Order Details



In this section, please select which order you wish to apply for

1. Applicant and Respondent are Unmarried Parents

Select all relevant orders you wish to apply for below.

Maintenance for dependent children

Lump sum order in respect of birth expenses for a child

Lump sum order in respect of funeral expenses for a child

2. Applicant and Respondent are Married

Select all relevant orders you wish to apply for below.

Maintenance for the applicant

Maintenance for dependent children

Lump sum order in respect of birth expenses for a child

Lump sum order in respect of funeral expenses for a child

3. Applicant and Respondent are Cohabitants

Select all relevant orders you wish to apply for below.

Maintenance for the applicant as a qualified cohabitant

Maintenance for a dependent child under the age of 18 as a cohabitant who is a parent of the child, or acting in the place of a parent, from the other cohabitant who is not a parent but is a guardian of the child

Section B Maintenance Order Details



In this section, please select which order you wish to apply for

4. Applicant and Respondent are Civil Partners

Select all relevant orders you wish to apply for below.

Maintenance for the applicant

Maintenance for dependent children

Lump sum order in respect of birth expenses for a child

Lump sum order in respect of funeral expenses for a child

5. Other (where subsections 1 to 4 don't apply)

What are you applying for a maintenance order under?

The Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act 1976

The Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010

What section of the act are you applying under?

Section

Please provide more details about the order you wish to make

Section C Dependent Child Details (if applicable)



In this section, please provide all relevant dependent children details

Child 1 Details (Leave blank if not applicable)

First Name

Last Name

Applicant Relationship to Child 1

For example mother, father, or guardian

Respondent Relationship to Child 1

For example mother, father, or guardian

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

If this child is over 18 years old, please select the relevant option below that applies:

The dependent child is under 23 years old and is in full time education

The dependent child is under 23 years old and would be in full time education if maintenance were being paid

The dependent child has a mental or physical disability to such an extent that is not reasonably possible for them to maintain themselves fully

Child 2 Details (Leave blank if not applicable)

First Name

Last Name

Applicant Relationship to Child 2

For example mother, father, or guardian

Respondent Relationship to Child 2

For example mother, father, or guardian

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

If this child is over 18 years old, please select the relevant option below that applies:

The dependent child is under 23 years old and is in full time education

The dependent child is under 23 years old and would be in full time education if maintenance were being paid

The dependent child has a mental or physical disability to such an extent that is not reasonably possible for them to maintain themselves fully

Section C Dependent Child Details (if applicable)



In this section, please provide all relevant dependent children details

Child 3 Details (Leave blank if not applicable)

First Name

Last Name

Applicant Relationship to Child 3

For example mother, father, or guardian

Respondent Relationship to Child 3

For example mother, father, or guardian

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

If this child is over 18 years old, please select the relevant option below that applies:

The dependent child is under 23 years old and is in full time education

The dependent child is under 23 years old and would be in full time education if maintenance were being paid

The dependent child has a mental or physical disability to such an extent that is not reasonably possible for them to maintain themselves fully



If there are more than three dependent children, please use the 'Additional Dependent Child' form available on courts.ie

Section D Other Application Details



In this section, please provide details of relevant previous and ongoing court applications

Have other family law applications previously been made to this court or any other court about this child or relationship?

Yes No I don't know

If yes, please provide the following information

Case Number (if known)

- What were the previous applications in relation to?
- In which town or city were the applications made?
- When were the applications made?

Signature

Applicant or Applicant Solicitor Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)