

Family Maintenance Enforcement Program  
Fact Sheet for New Immigrants



**Collecting Child Support When a Parent Lives Outside of British Columbia**

Sometimes it can be difficult to collect child or spousal support from a former spouse or parent who is living outside British Columbia. The British Columbia government has arrangements with all other Canadian provinces and territories and some foreign countries to make sure child and spousal support obligations are followed.

These arrangements mean that child and spousal support orders can be enforced in these jurisdictions.

Following is a list of provinces and countries that have such arrangements with British Columbia:

**Africa**

Republic of South Africa  
Republic of Zimbabwe

**Europe**

Republic of Austria  
Czech Republic  
Federal Republic of Germany  
Gibraltar  
Kingdom of Norway  
Slovak Republic  
Swiss Confederation  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**Canada**

Alberta  
Manitoba  
New Brunswick  
Newfoundland and Labrador  
Northwest Territories  
Nova Scotia  
Nunavut  
Ontario  
Prince Edward Island  
Quebec  
Saskatchewan  
Yukon Territory

**United States of America**

All United States including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the United States Virgin Islands.

**Asia**

Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region  
Republic of Singapore

**Pacific Ocean**

Australian Capital Territory  
New South Wales  
Northern Territory  
Queensland  
Tasmania  
Victoria  
Western Australia  
Fiji  
Independent State of Papua New Guinea  
New Zealand (including Cook Islands)

**Caribbean**

Island of Barbados and its Dependencies

The British Columbia government is working to increase the number of jurisdictions that can assist with enforcement of a support order.

For more information on this topic and others related to family maintenance and enforcement visit [www.fmep.gov.bc.ca](http://www.fmep.gov.bc.ca) or by telephone 604 678-5670 in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland, 250 220-4040 in Victoria or in the North and Interior at 250 434-6020.