



ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, state bar number, and address): TELEPHONE NO. (Optional): E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: OTHER PARENT:	
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT OR SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT REGARDING PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS	
CASE NUMBER:	

YOU MUST FILE THIS ANSWER WITH THE COURT IF YOU WISH TO OPPOSE THE LAWSUIT

If you disagree with the proposed judgment attached to the *Summons and Complaint*, you must file this *Answer* with the court clerk within 30 days of the date you were served with the *Complaint*. File the original *Answer* with the court clerk at the address for the superior court stated above and serve a copy on the local child support agency. Keep a copy for your records.

1. **PARENTAGE:** I am the parent of the following children:




<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Name of child

Date of Birth




Additional children are listed on a page attached to this *Answer*.

2. I request a genetic test to determine parentage be done for all children for whom I have checked a "No" box above. I understand that the local child support agency will pay for the cost of the testing now, but that I may have to repay those costs if the court decides that I am the parent. 

3. **CHILD SUPPORT**



- a. I agree to pay support as stated in the proposed judgment.
- b. I disagree with the support requested. Attached is my completed *Income and Expense Declaration* (form FL-150) or *Financial Statement (Simplified)* (form FL-155). NOTE: You can file this *Answer* without either of these forms. 



4. I disagree with the proposed judgment for the following reasons (*specify*):


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5. My address and telephone number for receipt of all notices and court dates until I file a change with the court and with the local child support agency are as follows:

- Address:
- City and Zip Code:
- Home Telephone:
- Work Telephone:
- E-mail Address (*optional*):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

_____  _____
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

An adult other than you must complete the *Proof of Service* below and provide a copy of this *Answer* to the local child support agency at the following address (*specify*):



PROOF OF SERVICE



6. I am at least 18 years of age, and not a party to this action. I served this *Answer* and any other forms filed with the *Answer* on the local child support agency and any other party required to be served.

- a. **Personal delivery.** I personally delivered this *Answer* to an employee of the local child support agency as follows:
 - (1) Name of employee:
 - (2) Address where delivered:
 - (3) Date of delivery:
 - (4) Time of delivery:




Mail. I deposited this *Answer* in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid. I used first class mail. The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows:

- (1) Name:
- (2) Address:
- (3) Date of mailing:
- (4) Place of mailing (*city and state*):

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:



_____  _____
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME) (SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO SERVED ANSWER)



This case may be referred to a court commissioner for hearing. By law, court commissioners do not have the authority to issue final orders and judgments in contested cases unless they are acting as temporary judges. The court commissioner in your case will act as a temporary judge unless, before the hearing, you or any other party objects to the commissioner acting as a temporary judge. The court commissioner may still hear your case to make findings and a recommended order. If you do not like the recommended order, you must object to it within 10 court days in writing, (use *Notice of Objection (Governmental)*, (form FL-666); otherwise, the recommended order will become a final order of the Court.) If you object to the recommended order, a judge will make a temporary order and set a new hearing.

INFORMATION SHEET FOR ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Please follow these instructions to complete the *Answer to Complaint or Supplemental Complaint Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-610) if you do not have an attorney to represent you. Your attorney, if you have one, should complete this form.

You must file the completed *Answer* and attachments with the court clerk within 30 days of the date you received the *Summons and Complaint* (form FL-600). The address of the court clerk is the same as the one shown for the Superior Court on the *Summons and Complaint* (form FL-600). You may have to pay a filing fee. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, contact the court clerk to obtain forms to apply for a waiver of court fees. **Keep two copies of the filed *Answer* form and its attachments. Serve one copy on the local child support agency and keep the other copy for your records. (See *Information Sheet for Service of Process*, form FL-611.)**

Upon receipt of your filed *Answer*, the local child support agency will set a court hearing on this matter.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE *ANSWER* FORM (TYPE OR PRINT FORM IN BLACK INK):

Front page, first box, top of form, left side. Print your name, address, and telephone number in this box if they are not already there.

1. For each child listed on the *Answer* form, you must check the "yes" box if you agree that you are that child's parent, or check the "no" box if you do not think or are not sure whether you are that child's parent. You must write in the name of each child listed in the *Summons and Complaint* (form FL-600) if your *Answer* form does not include the names of any children.

NOTE: Checking the "no" box does not satisfy the requirements needed to set aside any *Voluntary Declaration of Paternity* which you may have signed (Family Code Section 7575).

2. If you have checked a "no" box in answer to number 1 above, you must request a genetic test to determine whether you or the other parent is the parent. (The test is usually a blood test.) The local child support agency will tell you when and where to go for the test. The local child support agency will pay for the cost of the test now. If the court decides the test shows parentage as pleaded in the *Complaint*, you may have to repay this cost to the local child support agency.
3.
 - a. Check this box if you agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-630) that you received.
 - b. You should check this box if you do not agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-630).
4. If you agree to pay the support asked for in the proposed *Judgment Regarding Parental Obligations* (form FL-630), but you disagree with the proposed judgment for another reason, you should check this box and write your reasons in this space. **If you have documents that prove your reasons for disagreeing with the proposed *Judgment*, you should attach the documents to the *Answer* form.**
5. You must list your address and phone numbers where you can receive all notices and court dates. You must let the court know whenever your address changes. If the court does not have your current address, you may not receive important notices that affect you.

You must date the *Answer* form, print your name, and sign the form under a penalty of perjury. When you sign the *Answer* form, you are stating that the information you have provided is true and correct.

Instructions for how to complete the *Proof of Service* section of the *Answer* form are in the *Information Sheet for Service of Process* (form FL-611). The person who serves the *Answer* and its attachments must fill out this section of the form. **You cannot serve your own *Answer*.**

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INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION	CASE NUMBER:



1. Employment (Give information on your current job or, if you're unemployed, your most recent job.)

Attach copies of your pay stubs for last two months (black out social security numbers).



- a. Employer:
- b. Employer's address:
- c. Employer's phone number:
- d. Occupation:
- e. Date job started:
- f. If unemployed, date job ended:
- g. I work about _____ hours per week.
- h. I get paid \$ _____ gross (before taxes) per month per week per hour.



(If you have more than one job, attach an 8½-by-11-inch sheet of paper and list the same information as above for your other jobs. Write "Question 1—Other Jobs" at the top.)



2. Age and education

- a. My age is (specify): _____
- b. I have completed high school or the equivalent: Yes No If no, highest grade completed (specify): _____
- c. Number of years of college completed (specify): _____ Degree(s) obtained (specify): _____
- d. Number of years of graduate school completed (specify): _____ Degree(s) obtained (specify): _____
- e. I have: professional/occupational license(s) (specify): _____
 vocational training (specify): _____



3. Tax information

- a. I last filed taxes for tax year (specify year): _____
- b. My tax filing status is single head of household married, filing separately
 married, filing jointly with (specify name): _____
- c. I file state tax returns in California other (specify state): _____
- d. I claim the following number of exemptions (including myself) on my taxes (specify): _____



4. Other party's income. I estimate the gross monthly income (before taxes) of the other party in this case at (specify): \$ _____
This estimate is based on (explain): _____

(If you need more space to answer any questions on this form, attach an 8½-by-11-inch sheet of paper and write the question number before your answer.) Number of pages attached: _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained on all pages of this form and any attachments is true and correct.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF DECLARANT)

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Attach copies of your pay stubs for the last two months and proof of any other income. Take a copy of your latest federal tax return to the court hearing. (Black out your social security number on the pay stub and tax return.)

5. Income (For average monthly, add up all the income you received in each category in the last 12 months and divide the total by 12.)

	Last month	Average monthly
a. Salary or wages (gross, before taxes)	\$ _____	_____
b. Overtime (gross, before taxes)	\$ _____	_____
c. Commissions or bonuses	\$ _____	_____
d. Public assistance (for example: TANF, SSI, GA/GR) <input type="checkbox"/> currently receiving	\$ _____	_____
e. Spousal support <input type="checkbox"/> from this marriage <input type="checkbox"/> from a different marriage	\$ _____	_____
f. Partner support <input type="checkbox"/> from this domestic partnership <input type="checkbox"/> from a different domestic partnership	\$ _____	_____
g. Pension/retirement fund payments	\$ _____	_____
h. Social security retirement (not SSI)	\$ _____	_____
i. Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Social security (not SSI) <input type="checkbox"/> State disability (SDI) <input type="checkbox"/> Private insurance	\$ _____	_____
j. Unemployment compensation	\$ _____	_____
k. Workers' compensation	\$ _____	_____
l. Other (military BAQ, royalty payments, etc.) (specify):	\$ _____	_____

6. Investment income (Attach a schedule showing gross receipts less cash expenses for each piece of property.)

a. Dividends/interest	\$ _____	_____
b. Rental property income	\$ _____	_____
c. Trust income	\$ _____	_____
d. Other (specify):	\$ _____	_____

7. Income from self-employment, after business expenses for all businesses \$ _____

I am the owner/sole proprietor business partner other (specify): _____

Number of years in this business (specify): _____

Name of business (specify): _____

Type of business (specify): _____

Attach a profit and loss statement for the last two years or a Schedule C from your last federal tax return. Black out your social security number. If you have more than one business, provide the information above for each of your businesses.

8. Additional income. I received one-time money (lottery winnings, inheritance, etc.) in the last 12 months (specify source and amount): _____

9. Change in income. My financial situation has changed significantly over the last 12 months because (specify): _____

10. Deductions

	Last month
a. Required union dues	\$ _____
b. Required retirement payments (not social security, FICA, 401(k), or IRA)	\$ _____
c. Medical, hospital, dental, and other health insurance premiums (total monthly amount)	\$ _____
d. Child support that I pay for children from other relationships	\$ _____
e. Spousal support that I pay by court order from a different marriage	\$ _____
f. Partner support that I pay by court order from a different domestic partnership	\$ _____
g. Necessary job-related expenses not reimbursed by my employer (attach explanation labeled "Question 10g")	\$ _____

11. Assets

	Total
a. Cash and checking accounts, savings, credit union, money market, and other deposit accounts	\$ _____
b. Stocks, bonds, and other assets I could easily sell	\$ _____
c. All other property, <input type="checkbox"/> real and <input type="checkbox"/> personal (estimate fair market value minus the debts you owe)	\$ _____

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? 12. The following people live with me:

Name	Age	How the person is related to me? (ex: son)	That person's gross monthly income	Pays some of the household expenses?
a.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e.				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

? 13. Average monthly expenses Estimated expenses Actual expenses Proposed needs

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>a. Home:</p> <p>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Rent or <input type="checkbox"/> mortgage... \$ _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">If mortgage:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) average principal: \$ _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) average interest: \$ _____</p> <p>(2) Real property taxes \$ _____</p> <p>(3) Homeowner's or renter's insurance (if not included above) \$ _____</p> <p>(4) Maintenance and repair \$ _____</p> <p>b. Health-care costs not paid by insurance. . . \$ _____</p> <p>c. Child care \$ _____</p> <p>d. Groceries and household supplies. \$ _____</p> <p>e. Eating out. \$ _____</p> <p>f. Utilities (gas, electric, water, trash) \$ _____</p> <p>g. Telephone, cell phone, and e-mail \$ _____</p> | <p>h. Laundry and cleaning \$ _____</p> <p>i. Clothes \$ _____</p> <p>j. Education \$ _____</p> <p>k. Entertainment, gifts, and vacation. \$ _____</p> <p>l. Auto expenses and transportation (insurance, gas, repairs, bus, etc.) \$ _____</p> <p>m. Insurance (life, accident, etc.; do not include auto, home, or health insurance). . . \$ _____</p> <p>n. Savings and investments. \$ _____</p> <p>o. Charitable contributions. \$ _____</p> <p>p. Monthly payments listed in item 14 (itemize below in 14 and insert total here) . . \$ _____</p> <p>q. Other (specify): \$ _____</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>r. TOTAL EXPENSES (a-q) (do not add in the amounts in a(1)(a) and (b)) \$ _____ ?</p> </div> <p>s. Amount of expenses paid by others \$ _____ ?</p> |
|---|---|

? 14. Installment payments and debts not listed above

Paid to	For	Amount	Balance	Date of last payment
		\$	\$	
		\$	\$	
		\$	\$	
		\$	\$	
		\$	\$	
		\$	\$	

? 15. Attorney fees (This is required if either party is requesting attorney fees.):

- a. To date, I have paid my attorney this amount for fees and costs (specify): \$ _____
- b. The source of this money was (specify): _____
- c. I still owe the following fees and costs to my attorney (specify total owed): \$ _____
- d. My attorney's hourly rate is (specify): \$ _____

I confirm this fee arrangement.


Date:


(TYPE OR PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY)


(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY)



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CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION
(NOTE: Fill out this page only if your case involves child support.)

-  16. **Number of children**
- a. I have *(specify number)*: _____ children under the age of 18 with the other parent in this case.
- b. The children spend _____ percent of their time with me and _____ percent of their time with the other parent.
(If you're not sure about percentage or it has not been agreed on, please describe your parenting schedule here.)

-  17. **Children's health-care expenses**
- a. I do I do not have health insurance available to me for the children through my job.
- b. Name of insurance company: _____
- c. Address of insurance company: _____
- d. The monthly cost for the **children's** health insurance is or would be *(specify)*: \$ _____
(Do not include the amount your employer pays.)

-  18. **Additional expenses for the children in this case**
- | | Amount per month |
|---|------------------|
| a. Child care so I can work or get job training. | \$ _____ |
| b. Children's health care not covered by insurance | \$ _____ |
| c. Travel expenses for visitation | \$ _____ |
| d. Children's educational or other special needs <i>(specify below)</i> : | \$ _____ |

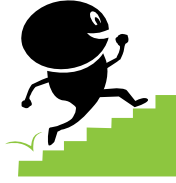
-  19. **Special hardships.** I ask the court to consider the following special financial circumstances *(attach documentation of any item listed here, including court orders)*:
- | | Amount per month | For how many months? |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| a. Extraordinary health expenses not included in 18b. | \$ _____ | _____ |
| b. Major losses not covered by insurance (examples: fire, theft, other insured loss) | \$ _____ | _____ |
| c. (1) Expenses for my minor children who are from other relationships and are living with me | \$ _____ | _____ |
|  (2) Names and ages of those children <i>(specify)</i> : | | |
| (3) Child support I receive for those children. | | |

 The expenses listed in a, b, and c create an extreme financial hardship because *(explain)*:

-  20. **Other information I want the court to know concerning support in my case** *(specify)*:



Next Steps



Follow these simple steps in order to successfully submit your Answer to a child support case.

☆ **Review**

If you have any questions about your forms, please bring them to the Family Law Facilitator/Resource Center to have them reviewed or send an email to childsupportselfhelp@sb-court.org. The Answer can be tricky, so we strongly encourage you to see your own attorney or visit our Family Law Facilitator.

☆ **Fees**

None

☆ **Copy**

Make 2 copies of your originals. Be sure to include the required pay stubs for 2 months.

☆ **Serve**

Someone other than yourself needs to mail a copy of the Answer (and Income & Expense Declaration) to the Department of Child Support Services (“DCSS”). The proper way to perform the service is to have another adult (not you) mail one copy of your papers to DCSS. Your server person fills out the Proof of Service on the back side of the Answer and signs it.

☆ **File**

Take the original paperwork plus 1 copy to the clerk’s office to file.

If you can’t come in person to file your documents, you may always mail them in to the clerk’s office with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

☆ **Wait...**

The Department of Child Support Services will contact you with a court date. Sometimes, they ask the person to come into their office to talk about the case and reach an agreement. You always have the right to come to court and have the judge make the final decision on the case.