

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ALTERNATE DEDUCTION: If a parent provides support for a child that is not the subject of this action, and for which there is no court order for support, the parent may include this monthly support amount in the child support calculation; however, the alternate deduction may not exceed the standard deduction that is automatically calculated.

ANNUALIZE PAID AMOUNTS: Monthly figures are used to calculate the child support obligation. Any adjustments to the child support amount shall be annualized so that each month's child support obligation is increased or decreased in an equal amount, instead of the obligation for particular months being abated, increased or decreased. Example: A parent incurs childcare costs of \$150 per month, but only for nine months of the year. Multiply \$150 by nine for a total of \$1350. Divide \$1350 by 12 months to arrive at an annualized monthly adjustment of \$113.

ARREARS: The total unpaid past support obligation owed by a person under a court order to pay support.

ATLAS NUMBER: An ATLAS number is the "Arizona Tracking and Location Automated System" number given to child support cases. This is the account number for support payments at the Support Payment Clearinghouse. The ATLAS case number begins with numbers rather than letters.

EQUAL PARENTING TIME: A parenting time arrangement that allows both parents to spend essentially equal time, each year, with the children.

EXTRA EDUCATION EXPENSES: Extra education expenses refer to any reasonable and necessary expenses for attending private or special schools or necessary expenses to meet particular educational needs of a child, when such expenses are incurred by agreement of both parties or ordered by the court.

EXTRAORDINARY CHILD EXPENSES: Extraordinary child expenses are expenses associated with the special needs of gifted or handicapped children.

PARENT INFORMATION PROGRAM / PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM: Each county has adopted and implemented an educational program for the purpose of educating persons about the impacts that divorce, the restructuring of families and judicial involvement have on children.

PAST CARE EXPENSES: Past care expenses are those expenses for the actual costs of the pregnancy, childbirth and any genetic testing, and other related costs.

PAST SUPPORT: Past support is an amount determined to be due for the period between the commencement of the proceeding and the date that current child support is ordered to begin.

PRESUMPTIVE TERMINATION DATE: Upon entry of an initial or modified child support order, the court shall, or in any subsequent action relating to the child support order, the court may, establish a presumptive termination date (PTD) for the termination of current child support obligation. The presumptive termination date shall be the last day of the month of the 18th birthday of the youngest child included in the order unless the court finds that it is projected that the youngest child will not complete high school by age 18. In that event, the presumptive termination date shall be the last day of the month of the anticipated graduation date or age 19, whichever occurs first.

SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES: The simplified application of the guidelines is the amount located in the schedule based upon the gross monthly income of the parent claiming this adjustment, and number of children subject to this adjustment.

STANDARD DEDUCTION: The standard deduction is the amount that is automatically calculated (based upon a simplified application of the guidelines) and inserted into the calculator. This amount may not be exceeded by an alternate deduction for support provided to other natural or adopted children, who are not subject of a court order.

TITLE IV-D MATTER: (Pronounced “four-D”). Title IV-D of the Social Security Act is that portion of the federal law covering the child support enforcement program. The Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) is the agency providing the child support enforcement program in Arizona.