

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Division

Probate and Family Court Department

Docket No.

vs.

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

Worksheet Completed By Date Completed

All provisions of the Guidelines should be reviewed prior to the completion of the worksheet. These guidelines will apply (absent a prior agreement acceptable to both parties) in cases where combined gross income of both parties does not exceed \$135,000.00 and where the gross income of the non-custodial parent does not exceed \$100,000.00. Worksheet shall be completed for all cases.

1. BASIC ORDER

- a) Non-custodial gross weekly income (less prior support orders actually paid, for child/family other than the family seeking this order) \$
b) Basic Child Support Order From Chart (pp. 8-11) (A) \$

2. ADJUSTMENT FOR AGE OF CHILDREN

- a) If age of oldest child is 13-18 yrs., calculate 10% times (A)
b) Adjusted order (A) + (2a) (B) \$

3. CUSTODIAL PARENT INCOME ADJUSTMENT

- a) Custodial parent gross income (annual) \$
b) Less \$20,000.00 -\$20,000
c) Less child care cost (annual) -
d) Custodial adjusted gross \$
e) Non-custodial gross (annual) \$
f) Total available gross (d) + (e) \$
g) Line 3(d) Line 3(f)
h) 3(d) divided by 3(f) %
i) Adjustment for custodial income (Line 3h %) x (B) (C) \$

4. CALCULATION OF FINAL ORDER

- a) Adjusted order, (B) above (B)
b) Less adjustment for (C) above (C) -
c) Less 50% of weekly cost to obligor of family group health insurance [section G.1] -
Or
Plus 50% weekly cost of obligee's family group health insurance [section G.1] +
\$

5. WEEKLY SUPPORT ORDER (B) - (C) ± 4(C)

### III Child Support Obligation Schedule

#### A. BASIC ORDER

The basic child support obligation, based upon the income of the non-custodial parent is as follows:

GROSS WEEKLY INCOME	NUMBER OF CHILDREN		
	1	2	3
\$0 - \$100	Discretion of the Court, but not less than \$80.00 per month		
\$101 - \$280	21%	24%	27%
\$281 - \$750	\$59 + 23%	\$67 + 28%	\$76 + 31%
	(% refers to all dollars over \$280) *		
\$751 - max	\$167 + 25%	\$199 + 30%	\$222 + 33%
	(% refers to all dollars over \$750) **		

For children in excess of 3 covered by the order, the support shall be no less than that for 3 children; should a judge order support at the 3 child level, written findings shall describe the circumstances of the particular case which warrant the minimum order.

Within the discretion of the court, and in consideration of the totality of the circumstances of the parties, the Basic Order may be either increased or decreased by 2%. An adjustment of 2% shall not be considered a deviation.

#### B. AGE DIFFERENTIAL

The above orders are to be increased to reflect the costs of raising older children. The following is intended to be applied to the age of the oldest child in the household for whom support is sought under the pending action.

AGE OF OLDEST CHILD	PERCENTAGE INCREASE
0 - 12	Basic Order Applies
13 - 18	Basic Order + 10% of Basic Order
Over 18	Discretion of the Court (and if statute permits)

#### C. CUSTODIAL PARENT INCOME ADJUSTMENT

Where the custodial parent works and earns income in excess of \$20,000 after consideration of child care expenses, the support order is to be reduced by the percentage that the excess represents in relation to the combined incomes of both parents minus the custodial parent's disregard.

\* "% refers to all dollars over \$280" means the percentage of the obligor's gross weekly income over \$280. For example, if the obligor's income is \$290 per week and there is one child, the "Basic Order" is \$59 plus 23% of his or her weekly income over \$280. That would be \$10, and 23% of \$10 is \$2.30, so the Basic Order is \$59 plus \$2.30, which is \$61.30.

\*\* "% refers to all dollars over \$750" means the percentage of the obligor's gross income over \$750. For example, if the obligor's income is \$800 per week and there are two children, the "Basic Order" is \$199 plus 30% of his or her weekly income over \$750. That would be \$50, and 30% of \$50 is \$15.00, so the Basic Order is \$199 plus \$15.00, which is \$214.00.