

Helpful Websites Related to International Child Support

European e-Justice Portal ([link to https://e-justice.europa.eu/home.do?plang=en&action=home](https://e-justice.europa.eu/home.do?plang=en&action=home))

This website is managed by the European Commission. It contains information about the Member States, European law, and various aspects of civil and commercial law.

To access child support information, follow these steps:

- In the toolbar on the left hover over "Going to Court"
- Navigate down and click on "Family Matters"
- Click on "Maintenance Claims"

- To learn more about a particular country's child support laws, click on the appropriate European flag on the right. Each country answers questions related to family maintenance. The questions address topics such as that country's definition of maintenance, duration of support, the entity to which an applicant may apply for maintenance, any associated fees, and the type of government assistance provided (if any). They are very general questions, and do not drill down to the level of information provided in OCSE's Interstate Referral Guide (IRG).

The Hague ([link to http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php](http://www.hcch.net/index_en.php))

This website is managed by the Permanent Bureau of The Hague. It contains information about various Conventions promulgated by The Hague, as well as related publications and reports. To access information about the most recent Convention related to child support, follow these steps:

On the home page there are sections entitled "International protection of children-" and "International child support and other forms of family maintenance." Each of these options leads to specific areas of child support and family maintenance.

Return to the home page. On the left column, click on "Work in Progress." From there, click on "Maintenance".

OCSE's International Resources (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css>)

This website is managed by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. It contains a list of international resources, such as the IRG international addresses and a list of foreign reciprocating countries. There is a link to OCSE policy issues related to international child support. These include Dear Colleague Letters (DCL), Information Memoranda (IM), and Policy Interpretation Questions (PIQ). Among the federal resources are caseworker guides addressing international case processing for various reciprocating countries.

To access this information:

- click on "State Agencies" in the blue toolbar
- Navigate to "Quick Links"

[The State Department Information on Child Support](#) (correct link online)

This website is managed by the State Department. The home page on child support contains links related to the following topics:

- Passport Services and Child Support Arrears
- Federal Bilateral Child Support Agreements in Force
- U.S. DoS International Child Support Enforcement
- Child Support Enforcement Abroad (Circular)

There is also a section entitled Country Specific Information, which contains links to specific country information on international child support enforcement procedures.

[The National Child Support Enforcement Association](http://www.ncsea.org/resources-info/international-child-support/) (link to <http://www.ncsea.org/resources-info/international-child-support/>)

This website is managed by the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA).

Additional areas to view include "U.S. Visitors", "International Visitors", and "FAQ." The U.S. Website Visitors Homepage includes NCSEA's International Directory, as well as contacts, overviews, relevant laws, international forms, and procedures for numerous countries.

The FAQ Home Page includes responses to questions such as closing foreign cases, forwarding documents to foreign countries, and serving process.

[Uniform Law Commission](http://uniformlaws.org/) (link to <http://uniformlaws.org/>)

This website is managed by the Uniform Law Commissioners. It contains information about various civil and commercial model laws developed by the Commissioners.

To access information on child support, follow these steps:

- Under "Find an Act", click on "Family Law", then click GO
- Then click on the "Interstate Family Support Act Amendments (2008)."

This will take you to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), 2008 version. You can also learn which states have enacted the different versions of UIFSA, and access explanatory information about the Act specifically directed to state legislators.