

ALBERTA SPOUSAL SUPPORT | WORKSHEET 1 OF 3

Spousal Support Entitlement Evidence Map

Connects the relationship history and present circumstances to compensatory, non-compensatory and contractual support questions.

BEST USED
WHEN

Use this before relying on an SSAG range or responding to a new support claim.

ALBERTA LEGAL CHECKPOINT

The Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines are advisory and address amount and duration only after entitlement has been established. The result depends on reliable income, the correct formula, the relationship history and any applicable exception, review or variation issue.

Primary source: [Justice Canada: Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines](#)

PREPARED FOR

DATE

1 Complete what you know

2 Mark gaps and assumptions

3 Attach supporting records

THE PRACTICE LENS

A calculator cannot decide entitlement. We organize the economic story into facts that can be tested: the family roles assumed, opportunities gained or lost, present need, agreements and the record that supports each proposition.

A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

Two spouses now earn \$140,000 and \$85,000 after a 12-year relationship. The income gap is visible, but the entitlement analysis changes depending on whether the lower earner reduced work for childcare, relocated for the other spouse's career, is now self-sufficient, or signed an agreement dealing with support.

Relationship and role chronology

Use one row per issue and identify the source for every important number or date.

Date or period	Family or career event	Economic effect	Supporting record
Start of cohabitation			
Marriage or agreement			
Birth or care of children			
Relocation or career change			
Education or retraining			
Separation			
Current circumstances			

Potential basis for support

Use short factual notes. If an answer is uncertain, write what would confirm it.

1. What economic disadvantage or advantage is connected to family roles?

2. What present need or hardship followed the relationship breakdown?

3. What did each person reasonably expect during the relationship?

4. Does an agreement address support, and in what circumstances?

5. Which important fact is disputed or not yet documented?

Evidence to locate

Tick completed items. Circle anything that needs a document, follow-up or legal advice.

- ☐ Employment, education and earnings history.
- ☐ Records of childcare or other family responsibilities.
- ☐ Documents relating to relocation or lost career opportunities.
- ☐ Current budget, health and earning-capacity information.
- ☐ Cohabitation, marriage, separation or support agreements.
- ☐ Written proposals, interim payments and prior court materials.

BRING THIS TO YOUR CONSULTATION

You do not need every blank filled. Mark the three items that matter most, attach the records you relied on and use this handoff to identify the next decision.

STATUS	☐ Ready to discuss ☐ Missing records ☐ Deadline or urgent issue
NEXT REAL DEADLINE	
RECORD OR ANSWER STILL NEEDED	
DECISION I NEED HELP WITH	

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