

ALBERTA SPOUSAL SUPPORT | WORKSHEET 3 OF 3

Spousal Support Review and Exit Plan

Turns a proposed amount into workable disclosure, review, variation and termination terms.

BEST USED
WHEN

Use this when negotiating a new arrangement or reviewing an existing support clause.

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

The next dispute is often hidden in the administration. We define what must be exchanged, when a change takes effect, which events trigger only disclosure and which permit review, variation or termination.

A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

An agreement says support will be reviewed when the recipient finishes retraining. Three years later, the program has changed and neither party knows whether review means a fresh entitlement decision or only a new income calculation. A clear trigger and scope would have prevented that ambiguity.

Annual administration

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

☐ Set the annual disclosure date and list the required documents.

☐ State how bonuses, fluctuating income or corporate records will be handled.

☐ Identify the effective date for a recalculated amount.

☐ Create a method for resolving arrears or overpayments.

☐ Record the payment method and any enforcement registration.

Future event map

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

Event	Disclosure	Review/variation	Possible result
Material income change			
Retirement			
Disability or illness			
Retraining completed			
Child becomes independent			
Remarriage or repartnering			
Defined end date			

Questions before signing

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

1. Is support time-limited, indefinite, reviewable or variable?

2. Does the clause preserve or finally release entitlement?

3. What exactly may be reconsidered at a review?

4. Could a lump sum or restructuring create tax or security issues?

5. What happens if the parties cannot agree after disclosure?

6. Is life insurance or another form of security appropriate?

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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