

CHAPTER 8—Domestic Relations Proceedings

8.010 ACTIONS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, SEPARATE MAINTENANCE AND ANNULMENT, AND CHILD SUPPORT

- (1) Petitioners, when serving respondents, must attach to the petition a copy of the Notice to Parties of A Marriage Dissolution as required by ORS 107.092. Copies of the notice may be obtained from the trial court administrator's office or from the Oregon Judicial Department website.
- (2) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, general judgments in all uncontested actions for annulment or dissolution of marriage or for separation shall be entered on the basis of the affidavit set forth in ORS 107.095(4) in lieu of a hearing on the merits.
- (3) In all contested dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance or annulment actions, each party must file with the trial court administrator and serve on the other party a statement listing all marital and other assets and liabilities, the claimed value for each asset and liability and the proposed distribution of the assets and liabilities. In the alternative, the parties may elect to file with the trial court administrator a joint statement containing this information.
- (4) In all proceedings under ORS chapter 107, 108, or 109 wherein child support or spousal support is contested, each party must file with the trial court administrator and serve on the other party a Uniform Support Declaration in the form specified in Form 8.010.5 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms. A Uniform Support Declaration required by this subsection must be completed as follows:
 - (a) In all such cases, the parties must complete the declaration and required attachments.
 - (b) In all such cases, the parties must also complete the schedules and the attachments required by the schedules if:
 - (i) Spousal support is requested by either party, or
 - (ii) Child support is requested by either party in an amount that deviates from the uniform support guidelines.
- (5) If the Division of Child Support (DCS) of the Department of Justice or a district attorney child support office (DA) either initiates or responds to a proceeding falling under section (4) of this rule, the DCS or DA must be allowed to file and serve, in lieu of the Uniform Support Declaration, an affidavit which sets out the following information:
 - (a) The name of the legal or physical custodian of the child(ren).
 - (b) The name and date of birth of each child for whom support services is being sought.
 - (c) A statement of the amount of public assistance being provided.
 - (d) A statement of the value of food stamp benefits being provided.
 - (e) A statement of whether medical insurance (Medicaid) is being provided.
 - (f) A statement of any other known income of the physical custodian.

- (g) A statement concerning any special circumstances which might affect the determination of support.
- (6) In the absence of an SLR to the contrary, the documents required to be filed under subsection (3) above must be filed and served not less than 14 days before the hearing on the merits unless both parties stipulate otherwise, but in any event before the beginning of trial. Subject to the requirements of UTCR 8.040 or UTCR 8.050, when applicable, and in the absence of an SLR to the contrary, the documents required to be filed under subsections (4) and (5) above must be filed and served within 30 days of service of a petition or other pleading that seeks child support or spousal support on other than a temporary basis.
- (7) No judgment under this chapter shall be signed, filed or entered without the filing with the trial court administrator of all relevant documents, including all of the following:
- (a) An affidavit of completed service.
 - (b) An affidavit of nonmilitary service and the proposed order of default, if the respondent is in default.
 - (c) The affidavit described in ORS 107.095(4) if the matter is uncontested.
 - (d) A completed Oregon State Health Division Record of Dissolution of Marriage form.
 - (e) If child support or spousal support is an issue, a Uniform Support Declaration for each party, except where that issue is resolved by stipulation or default. A Uniform Support Declaration required by this paragraph must be completed in the form specified in Form 8.010.5 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms and as provided under subsection (4) of this rule.
 - (f) If child support is an issue, the Division of Child Support (DCS) work sheets described under UTCR 8.060.
 - (g) A proposed judgment.
- (8) Parties to proceedings under ORS 107.085 or 107.485 must follow UTCR 2.130 to segregate all Social Security numbers from documents the parties submit in the proceedings so the numbers will be protected as required by ORS 107.840.

8.020 SUPPORT ORDERS

- (1) Every proposed order or judgment providing for the support of any person under ORS chapters 107, 108, 109, 110, 416 or 419A, 419B, or 419C, or modifying any order or judgment for support of any person under those chapters, must set forth the due date of the first support payment to be made thereunder, the means of payment and the person to whom payment must be made.
- (2) Every proposed order or judgment that includes a provision concerning child support must include notice that, if services are provided by the Division of Child Support, the obligor and obligee must inform the administrator, as defined in ORS 25.010(1), in writing of any change in private health insurance enrollment status within 10 days of the change.

8.040 PREJUDGMENT RELIEF UNDER ORS 107.095(1)

- (1) An order for relief authorized by ORS 107.095(1) may be granted on motion supported by affidavit setting forth sufficient facts to establish a right to the requested relief.
- (2) Any motion regarding temporary custody of a minor child must be supported by an affidavit which must state the present location of the minor child, the person with whom the child presently resides, the persons with whom and the places where the child has resided for the last 6 months, including the length of time with each person and at each residence, and the reasons why a temporary custody order is sought.
- (3) Any motion regarding temporary support must be accompanied by a Uniform Support Declaration in the form specified in Form 8.010.5 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms. A Uniform Support Declaration required by this subsection must be completed as provided under subsection (4) of UTCR 8.010.
- (4) The opposing party also must serve and file a Uniform Support Declaration on the moving party, when support is to be an issue. The Uniform Support Declaration required by this subsection must be completed in the form specified in Form 8.010.5 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms and as provided for completion of the declaration under subsection (4) of UTCR 8.010. The Uniform Support Declaration must be filed and served at the time designated in the relevant SLR. In the absence of an SLR to the contrary, the Uniform Support Declaration must be filed and served within 14 days of service of the motion regarding temporary support.

8.050 JUDGMENT MODIFICATION PROCEEDINGS

- (1) Modification proceedings must be initiated by an order to show cause based on a motion supported by an affidavit setting forth the factual basis for the motion or by other procedure established by SLR. The initiating documents must contain a notice to the served party, substantially in the form set out at ORCP 7. This notice may be a separate document or included in an Order to Show Cause or Motion. When support is to be an issue, a Uniform Support Declaration, as set out in Form 8.010.5 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms, must also be filed with the motion and completed as provided under subsection (4) of UTCR 8.010.
- (2) Initiating documents must be served by delivering a certified copy of each document and Uniform Support Declaration, if applicable, in the manner necessary to obtain jurisdiction.
- (3) The opposing party also must serve and file a Uniform Support Declaration on the moving party, when support is to be an issue. The Uniform Support Declaration must be completed in the form specified in Form 8.010.5 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms and as provided for completion of the declaration under subsection (4) of UTCR 8.010. The Uniform Support Declaration must be filed and served at the time designated in the relevant SLR. In the absence of an SLR to the contrary, the Uniform Support Declaration must be filed and served within 30 days of service of the order to show cause.
- (4) If the Division of Child Support (DCS) of the Department of Justice or a district attorney child support office (DA) either initiates or responds to a support modification proceeding, the DCS or DA must be allowed to file and serve, in lieu of the Uniform Support Declaration, an affidavit which sets out the following information:
 - (a) The name of the legal or physical custodian of the child(ren).

- (b) The name and date of birth of each child for whom support modification is being sought.
 - (c) A statement of the amount of public assistance being provided.
 - (d) A statement of the value of food stamp benefits being provided.
 - (e) A statement of whether medical insurance (Medicaid) is being provided.
 - (f) A statement of any other known income of the physical custodian.
 - (g) A statement concerning any special circumstances which might affect the determination of support.
- (5) A party who files an *ex parte* temporary custody or parenting time order pursuant to ORS 107.139 must file a motion for permanent modification of custody or have one pending at the time this application is made.

8.060 FILING DCS WORK SHEETS REQUIRED IN CHILD SUPPORT CASES

Parties must submit the completed Division of Child Support (DCS) child support calculation work sheets that are available at <http://oregonchildsupport.gov/forms/pages/index.aspx> as required by the following:

- (1) If child support is an issue at the time of trial, the UTCR 8.010 statement of each party must include the work sheets.
- (2) If child support is awarded, the judgment must incorporate the work sheet as an exhibit evidencing the basis for the court's award.
- (3) In cases involving temporary child support, the moving party must serve the adverse party with the work sheets, and financial affidavits filed by parties with the court must include the work sheets.
- (4) If child support is an issue at the time of hearing, each party must submit the work sheets to the court.
- (5) If an award of child support is modified, the amending judgment must incorporate the work sheet as an exhibit evidencing the basis for the court's award.

8.070 STANDARDIZED PARENTING PLANS

- (1) SLR 8.075 is reserved for judicial districts to announce that they have adopted a standardized parenting plan.
- (2) The standardized parenting plan shall be placed in an appendix to the SLR or on the court's website or both.

8.080 STATUTORY RESTRAINING ORDER TO PREVENT DISSIPATION OF ASSETS IN CERTAIN DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS

- (1) The form of notice specified in Form 8.080.1 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms must be used for the statutory restraining order established by ORS 107.093. The petitioner must ensure that a copy of the notice is attached to the summons as required by ORS 107.093(5). The notice need not be signed by a judge.
- (2) The form of notice specified in Form 8.080.2 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms must be used for the statutory restraining order established by ORS 109.103(5). The petitioner must ensure that a copy of the notice is attached to the summons as required by ORS 109.103(5)(d). The notice need not be signed by a judge.
- (3) The request for hearing required by ORS 107.093(3) or 109.103(5)(b) shall be in substantially the same form as specified in Form 8.080.3 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms.

8.090 CERTIFICATE REGARDING PENDING CHILD SUPPORT PROCEEDINGS AND/OR EXISTING CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS AND/OR JUDGMENTS

A certificate regarding pending child support proceedings and/or existing child support orders and/or judgments, in substantially the same form as specified in Form 8.090 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms, shall be included with motions and petitions filed pursuant to ORS 107.085, 107.135, 107.431, 108.110, 109.100, 109.103, 109.165, and 125.025, as required by ORS 107.085(3), 107.135(2)(b), 107.431(2)(b), 108.110(4), 109.100(3), 109.103(3), 109.165(3), and 125.025(4)(b).

8.100 PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF MARRIAGE FEE UNDER ORS 106.120

- (1) To obtain a waiver of the fee required to be paid under ORS 106.120 before a circuit, appellate, or tax court judge can perform weddings in certain circumstances, both persons wishing to be married must do all the following:
 - (a) Complete a UTCR Form 8.100.1a in the attached UTCR Appendix of Forms.
 - (b) Submit the completed form to a circuit court judge serving the county where the wedding will be performed for review and appropriate action.
 - (c) If the request is granted by the judge under (b) of this subsection, give the copy of the signed waiver to the judge who will solemnize the ceremony.
- (2) If the request is denied by the judge, there is no waiver. Those persons who made application must either reapply under this rule or pay the fee. However, neither person may again make a request of any judge to waive the fee for 30 days from the date a judge signs an order denying a waiver under this rule.
- (3) If a person is requested to pay the fee under ORS 106.120 while applying for a marriage license or by a court clerk, the person may show a valid waiver of fee granted to that person under this rule and will not have to pay the fee. A waiver granted under this rule is valid for only 30 days from the date the judge signs the order allowing the waiver and does not waive any other fees which may legally be charged related to the marriage or wedding.

- (4) Upon receipt of a request for waiver under this rule, a judge will do all the following:
 - (a) Review the request to determine whether the judge can make a determination on the request. Only circuit court judges serving in the county where the wedding will be performed can grant a waiver under this rule. A judge will deny a request for a waiver under this rule if the request has been made to any other judge within 30 days.
 - (b) Determine whether exigent circumstances exist allowing the judge to waive the fee. The determination of exigent circumstances is at the sole discretion of the judge, but can, by statute, specifically include indigency of the parties to the marriage.
 - (c) Sign the waiver form indicating the judge's decision; give a copy of the completed, signed form to the parties to the impending marriage; and file a copy with the trial court administrator for that circuit court.
- (5) When solemnizing a marriage a judge, under ORS 106.120(9), will accept a copy of a valid waiver granted under this rule in lieu of proof of payment of the fee required under ORS 106.120(9). The judge will maintain the copy of the waiver with other records of the marriage for as long as the judge is required to maintain the other records.

8.110 LIMITED SCOPE REPRESENTATION

(1) Applicability

This rule applies to limited scope representation in domestic relations cases when an attorney intends to appear in court on behalf of a party.

(2) Notice of Limited Scope Representation

When an attorney intends to appear in court on behalf of a party, the attorney shall file and serve, as soon as practicable, a Notice of Limited Scope Representation in substantially the form as set out on the Oregon Judicial Department website (<http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/pages/index.aspx>).

(3) Termination of Limited Scope Representation

When the attorney has completed all services within the scope of the Notice of Limited Scope Representation, the attorney shall file and serve a Notice of Termination of Limited Scope Representation in substantially the form as set out on the Oregon Judicial Department website (<http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/pages/index.aspx>), in accordance with UTCR 3.140.

(4) Service of Documents

After an attorney files a Notice of Limited Scope Representation in accordance with this section, service of all documents shall be made upon the attorney and the party represented on a limited scope basis. The service requirement terminates as to the attorney when a Notice of Termination of Limited Scope Representation is filed and served, or when an attorney withdraws.