# ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE (WITH MINOR CHILDREN)

# **AC-2**

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# PACKET AC-2

### Use this packet only if <u>all</u> of the following statements are true:

You are currently married.

You received a complaint for divorce and wish to file an answer and counterclaim.

You and your spouse have minor child(ren) together, either natural-born or adopted.

A default has not been entered against you.

### **Attention**

- An answer must be filed and served within 21 days after you have received the summons and complaint. If you do not file within that time, your spouse may take a default against you and be awarded what they have asked for in their complaint.
- If you received a request to waive service of summons, please contact the Resource Center for more information.
- If you received other motions with the complaint for divorce, you must answer to those motions with forms other than this answer and counterclaim. Please contact the Resource Center for more information.

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145.

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS**

Carefully read all instructions before starting to fill out any of the forms.

Use **black or blue ink only**. Neatly print or type the information requested.

Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. EFile User Agreement (Standard)
- 2. Family Court Information Sheet
- 3. Answer and Counterclaim to Complaint for Divorce With Children

a. Appendix A: Child Custody Schedule

b. Appendix B: Child Support Worksheets

- 4. General Financial Disclosure Form
- 5. Proof of Service
- 6. Definitions of Terms Used in this Packet

### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1**

If you already have an eFlex account for a different case, you do not need to create another account and can skip this step.

### eFlex Account and eFile User Agreement:

To file your documents, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and have a valid email address. There is no fee to sign up for a standard eFlex account. To sign up:

 Carefully read and complete the eFile User Agreement (Standard) by filling in as much information as possible, signing, and dating page two;
 Return the eFile User Agreement (Standard) to the Second Judicial District Court or email it to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>; and

3) Request an account at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>.



If you need further assistance signing up for an account, please call the Resource Center at 775-325-6731.

# **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2**



### **Complete the Family Court Information Sheet as Shown:**

# **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3**

# Complete the Answer and Counterclaim as Shown:



### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3a**

### **Child Custody Schedules**

Please review Appendix A: Custody Schedules.

These example schedules can assist you in filling out the answer and counterclaim. They do not need to be filed with the court. However, you may do so if you would like.

APPENDIX A: Custody Schedules							
These custody schedules are provided to you as examples. You may select a pre-set							
schedule as shown in Options $1 - 3$ , OR you may select to create your own visitation schedule in Option 4.							
Option 1: Week On / Week Off (Joint Physical Custody)							
You and your spouse will have equal time with the minor child(ren). The minor child(ren) will spend one week (seven days) with you and then the following week they will spend one week (seven days) with your spouse. This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.							
Example provided below (with exchanges taking place on Friday afternoon):							
Your custodial days / weeks with the minor child.							
Your spouse's custodial days / weeks with the minor child.							
Option 1: Week On / Week Off Custody Schedule							
Friday Saturday							
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday							
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednasday Thursday Friday Saturday							
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wędnesday Thursday Friday Saturday							
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday							

#### **Custody Schedules**

These custody schedules are provided to you as examples. You may select a pre-set schedule as shown in Options A - C, OR you may select to create your own visitation schedule in Option D.

#### **Option A: Week On / Week Off** (Joint Physical Custody)

You and the other parent will have equal time with the minor child(ren). The minor child(ren) will spend one week (seven (7) days) with you and then the following week they will spend one week (seven (7) days) with the other parent. This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.

Example provided below (with exchanges taking place on Friday afternoon):

Your custodial days / weeks with the minor child(ren).

The other parent's custodial days / weeks with the minor child(ren).

	Optio	on A: Week	On / Week Of	ff Custody	Schedule	
					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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#### **Option B: Rotating 2/2/3** (Joint Physical Custody)

The other parent and you will have equal time with the minor child(ren). On week one, the minor child(ren) will spend two days with you (Monday – Wednesday), followed by two days with the other parent (Wednesday – Friday), ending the week with three days with you (Friday – Monday). On week two, the minor child(ren) will spend two days with the other parent (Monday – Wednesday), followed by two days with you (Wednesday – Friday), ending the week with three days with the other parent (Monday – Wednesday), followed by two days with you (Wednesday – Friday), ending the week with three days with the other parent (Friday – Monday). This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.

Example provided on the next page (exchanges taking place in the a.m. OR pm (see below), in some cases at school drop off, on exchange days).

#### Your custodial days with the minor child(ren).

	<b>Option B</b>	: Rotating 2	/2/3 Custody	Schedule (A	M Drop O	ff)
					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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The other parent's custodial days with the minor child(ren).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday
5	Tuesday	Wednesday	TT1 1		
			Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Monday Monday	Monday Tuesday Monday Tuesday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Monday Tuesday Wednesday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

#### **Option C: Every Other Weekend** (Primary Physical Custody)

The other parent OR you will have more custodial time with the minor child(ren). On week one, the parent with primary physical custody will have the entire week (seven (7) days), on week two, the parent with primary physical custody will have approximately four days, with the other parent having approximately three days of visitation with the minor child(ren). This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.

Example provided on the next page (exchanges taking place on Friday afternoon, in some cases at school drop off, on exchange days). You can schedule an off week visitation for the noncustodial parent.

Primary parent's custodial days with the minor child(ren).

		Option (	C: Every Othe	er Weekend	l	
					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			********			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Other parent's visitation days with the minor child(ren).

**Option D: Create your own.** 

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<b>Option D: Create your own.</b>						
					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3b**

# **Calculating Child Support**

Appendix B does not need to be filed with the Court.



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# **APPENDIX B**

# **Gross Monthly Income (GMI)**

# The first step in determining child support is calculating your Gross Monthly Income, the amount of money you make each month *before taxes are deducted*.

Gross Monthly Income includes money received from employment, social security (*Not SSI*), unemployment benefits, pension/retirement, interest/investments, etc. Gross Monthly Income DOES NOT include SSI, SNAP, TANF, cash benefits from the county, or child support received. *For a full list of incomes included in Gross Monthly Income please see NAC 425*.

To calculate your Gross Monthly Income from employment, use one of the tables below:

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Annual Income	\$
÷ by 12 months =	\$
Employment GMI	

Biweekly Income	\$
x26 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Weekly Income	\$
x52 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Hourly Wage	\$
# of hours worked per week	
hourly wage x hours worked per week	\$
x52 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Parent 2

Annual Income	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Biweekly Income	\$
x26 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Weekly Income	\$
x52 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Hourly Wage	\$
# of hours worked per week	
hourly wage x hours worked per week	\$
x52 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Copy the amount of GMI from Employment for each parent into the table on the following page.

Now that you have determined the GMI from employment, add any money you receive each month from social security, unemployment benefits, pension/retirement, interest/investments, etc. Use the table below to find your Total Gross Monthly Income.

#### Parent 1

Employment GMI:	\$
Social Security:	\$
Unemployment:	\$
Pension/Retirement:	\$
Interest/Investments:	\$
Other:	\$
TOTAL GMI:	\$

#### Parent 2

Employment GMI:	\$
Social Security:	\$
Unemployment:	\$
Pension/Retirement:	\$
Interest/Investments:	\$
Other:	\$
TOTAL GMI:	\$

You should now have your Total Gross Monthly Income. If you or the other parent's Total Gross Monthly Income is less than \$1,956 a month, use the Low-Income Child Support Schedule below to complete the following pages. Please continue to the next page. Low-Income Child Support Schedule

#### Low-Income Child Support Schedule Child Support Obligation of Low-Income Payers at 75% to 150% of the 2025 Federal Poyerty Guidelines

at 75% to 150% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines										
	One Child Two Children		Three C	Three Children Four Children			Five Children			
Monthly		Child		Child		Child		Child		Child
Income	Percent	Support	Percent	Support	Percent	Support	Percent	Support	Percent	Support
Up To		Amount		Amount		Amount		Amount		Amount
\$978	10.56%	\$103	14.52%	\$142	17.16%	\$168	18.48%	\$181	19.80%	\$194
\$1,013	10.75%	\$109	14.79%	\$150	17.48%	\$177	18.82%	\$191	20.16%	\$204
\$1,048	10.95%	\$115	15.05%	\$158	17.79%	\$186	19.16%	\$201	20.53%	\$215
\$1,083	11.14%	\$121	15.32%	\$166	18.11%	\$196	19.50%	\$211	20.89%	\$226
\$1,118	11.34%	\$127	15.59%	\$174	18.42%	\$206	19.84%	\$222	21.26%	\$238
\$1,153	11.53%	\$133	15.86%	\$183	18.74%	\$216	20.18%	\$233	21.62%	\$249
\$1,188	11.73%	\$139	16.12%	\$191	19.05%	\$226	20.52%	\$244	21.99%	\$261
\$1,223	11.92%	\$146	16.39%	\$200	19.37%	\$237	20.86%	\$255	22.35%	\$273
\$1,258	12.11%	\$152	16.66%	\$209	19.69%	\$248	21.20%	\$267	22.71%	\$286
\$1,293	12.31%	\$159	16.92%	\$219	20.00%	\$259	21.54%	\$278	23.08%	\$298
\$1,327	12.50%	\$166	17.19%	\$228	20.32%	\$270	21.88%	\$290	23.44%	\$311
\$1,362	12.70%	\$173	17.46%	\$238	20.63%	\$281	22.22%	\$303	23.81%	\$324
\$1,397	12.89%	\$180	17.73%	\$248	20.95%	\$293	22.56%	\$315	24.17%	\$338
\$1,432	13.09%	\$187	17.99%	\$258	21.26%	\$305	22.90%	\$328	24.54%	\$351
\$1,467	13.28%	\$195	18.26%	\$268	21.58%	\$317	23.24%	\$341	24.90%	\$365
\$1,502	13.47%	\$202	18.53%	\$278	21.90%	\$329	23.58%	\$354	25.26%	\$380
\$1,537	13.67%	\$210	18.79%	\$289	22.21%	\$341	23.92%	\$368	25.63%	\$394
\$1,572	13.86%	\$218	19.06%	\$300	22.53%	\$354	24.26%	\$381	25.99%	\$409
\$1,607	14.06%	\$226	19.33%	\$311	22.84%	\$367	24.60%	\$395	26.36%	\$424
\$1,642	14.25%	\$234	19.60%	\$322	23.16%	\$380	24.94%	\$409	26.72%	\$439
\$1,677	14.45%	\$242	19.86%	\$333	23.47%	\$394	25.28%	\$424	27.09%	\$454
\$1,712	14.64%	\$251	20.13%	\$345	23.79%	\$407	25.62%	\$439	27.45%	\$470
\$1,747	14.83%	\$259	20.40%	\$356	24.11%	\$421	25.96%	\$453	27.81%	\$486
\$1,782	15.03%	\$268	20.66%	\$368	24.42%	\$435	26.30%	\$469	28.18%	\$502
\$1,817	15.22%	\$277	20.93%	\$380	24.74%	\$449	26.64%	\$484	28.54%	\$518
\$1,851	15.42%	\$285	21.20%	\$392	25.05%	\$464	26.98%	\$500	28.91%	\$535
\$1,886	15.61%	\$294	21.47%	\$405	25.37%	\$479	27.32%	\$515	29.27%	\$552
\$1,921	15.81%	\$304	21.73%	\$418	25.68%	\$493	27.66%	\$531	29.64%	\$569
\$1,956	16.00%	\$313	22.00%	\$430	26.00%	\$509	28.00%	\$548	30.00%	\$587

# **Child Support Worksheet**

# 1 Parent 1's Information

Gross monthly income (GMI) includes: employment income, including consistent overtime; interest and investment income; Social Security old-age insurance benefits and disability benefits (SSD), but not supplemental security income (SSI); alimony; military allowances; periodic payments from a pension or retirement plan; and unemployment benefits.

How much is Parent 1's gross monthly income? \$\_\_\_\_\_

A) If Parent 1's gross monthly income is less than \$1,956, use the attached low-income child support schedule to identify Parent 1's child support obligation. \$

If Parent 1's gross monthly income is less than \$1,956, stop here, and go to line ③.

(B) Multiply the amount of Parent 1's gross monthly income which is more than \$1,956 but less than \$6,000 by

.16 (for 1 child)
.22 (for 2 children)
.26 (for 3 children)
.28 (for 4 children)
Add .02 for each additional child

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Multiply the amount of Parent 1's gross monthly income which is more than \$6,000 but less than \$10,000 by

.08 (for 1 child) .11 (for 2 children) .13 (for 3 children) .14 (for 4 children) Add .01 for each additional child

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m )}~$  Multiply the amount of Parent 1's gross monthly income which is more than \$10,000 by

Parent 1's child support obligation (Add lines B, C, and D)

.04 (for 1 child)
.06 (for 2 children)
.06 (for 3 children)
.07 (for 4 children)
Add .005 for each additional child

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# 2 Parent 2's Information

Gross monthly income (GMI) includes: employment income, including consistent overtime; interest and investment income; Social Security old-age insurance benefits and disability benefits (SSD), but not supplemental security income (SSI); alimony; military allowances; periodic payments from a pension or retirement plan; and unemployment benefits.

How much is Parent 2's gross monthly income? \$\_\_\_\_\_

(A) If Parent 2's gross monthly income is less than \$1,956, use the attached low-income child support schedule to identify Parent 2's child support obligation. \$\_\_\_\_\_

If Parent 2's gross monthly income is less than \$1,956, stop here, and go to line ③.

B Multiply the amount of Parent 2's gross monthly income which is more than \$1,956 but less than \$6,000 by

.16 (for 1 child)
.22 (for 2 children)
.26 (for 3 children)
.28 (for 4 children)
Add .02 for each additional child

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Multiply the amount of Parent 2's gross monthly income which is more than \$6,000 but less than \$10,000 by

.08 (for 1 child) .11 (for 2 children) .13 (for 3 children) .14 (for 4 children) Add .01 for each additional child

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 $\mathcal D$  Multiply the amount of Parent 2's gross monthly income which is more than \$10,000 by

.04 (for 1 child)
.06 (for 2 children)
.06 (for 3 children)
.07 (for 4 children)
Add .005 for each additional child

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Parent 2's child support obligation (Add lines B, C, and D)

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**Joint Physical Custody.** Only fill out this section if you are asking for joint physical custody. Skip to ④ if one parent is to be awarded primary physical custody.

**Subtract** the lower earning parent's child support obligation from the higher earning parent's child support obligation.



# (4) <u>Adjustments.</u> (complete all that apply)

- If <u>Parent 1</u> wants primary or sole physical custody, the court uses the number in (as the standard amount of child support Parent 2 would pay.
- If <u>Parent 2</u> wants to have primary or sole physical custody, the court uses the number in <sup>®</sup> as the standard amount of child support Parent 1 would pay.
- If you want <u>both parents</u> to have joint physical custody, the court uses the number in ③ as the standard amount of child support.

Adjustment Factors	Amount -/+
Any special education needs of the child	\$
A parent's legal responsibility to support others	\$
Value of services contributed by either parent	\$
Any public assistance paid to support the child	\$
Cost of transportation of the child to and from visitation	\$
The relative income of both households.	\$
The obligor's ability to pay	\$
Any other necessary expenses for the benefit of the child(ren)	\$
Total Deviations	\$

# 5 <u>Final Child Support Amount Requested:</u>

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid by (*name*)

### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4**

## **Complete the General Financial Disclosure Form as Shown:**



### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5**

### **Electronically Filing the Documents**

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>, in the Law Library and Resource Center.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Family Court Information Sheet;
- Answer and Counterclaim;
- General Financial Disclosure form.

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. Filestamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account. \

Scanners are available at the Law Library and Resource Center.

There may be a filing fee charged when documents are filed. Fee information is available at the Resource Center and online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>.

#### FILING FEE WAIVERS

If you cannot afford the fee, you may apply to have it waived. To apply, you must fill out and file the **Application for Waiver of Fees and Costs packet**, which you can get at:

- Resource Center, 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, NV, Third Floor
- Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV, First Floor
- Online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u> (select the "Forms and Packets" tab on the right hand side of the home screen)

**INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6** 

### Setting a Case Management Conference

You must have a case management conference. If your spouse who filed the complaint did not set one, you need to set one by filling out and filing the **F-1 Notice to Set** packet. The notice to set packet can be found at the Law Library or Resource Center, or on our website at <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>, under the Forms and Packets tab.

# **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7**

<ol> <li>Print your name, address,</li></ol>	1       Code:       3720         Name:
3) Print the name of the person served, the date, and select how they were served.	15       I served a true and correct copy of the Answer to Comptaint for Divorce with Minor Children         16       and Counterclaim and General Financial Disclosure Form upon the following people:         17       I. Name: Date:         18       By: Service by eFlex       Personal Service         19       Certhied mail, return receipt attached       U.S. Mail, postage prepaid         20       Other:
4) The person who completed service must date, sign, and print their name.	25       This document does not contain the personal information of any person as defined by         26       NRS 603A.040.         27       Date:Your Signature:         28       Print Your Name:         28       REV 9/2018 JCB         1       AC2 PROOF OF SERVICE

# Complete the Proof of Service as Shown:

### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 8**

## Filing the Proof of Service

After service is completed, you must file the proof of service with the court. See INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5. There will not be a filing fee for the proof of service.

Without proof of service on the other party, the court cannot consider your answer and counterclaim.

# **Time to Respond**

Your spouse has 21 days to respond, starting the day after being served. If you served your spouse by mail, your spouse has 24 days to respond.

Your documents are not filed until any filing fees are paid.

If your spouse does not respond within that time period, you may move for default on the counterclaim. A default packet is available at the Law Library, Resource Center, or online at <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>.

### Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. **The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

### LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Sign up on our website: <u>https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary</u> For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

#### NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 775-284-3491 – leave a message, if necessary https://nevadalegalservices.org

#### NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary <u>https://nnlegalaid.org</u>

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