

Ada County Court Assistance Office Online Form Review Overview
CUSTODY, SUPPORT and PATERNITY

All Court Assistance Office (CAO) forms are available online for FREE at:

- 1) <https://courtselfhelp.idaho.gov> or
- 2) <https://adacounty.id.gov/clerk/court-assistance/family-law/>

OR you may request forms to be emailed to you at: cao@adacounty.id.gov

Type or fill out forms in **black** ink. There are 3 steps.

1 Complete **ALL** of these forms:

- ☐ Family Law Case Information Sheet
- ☐ Summons
- ☐ Petition for Custody/Support/ Paternity
Attachments behind Petition, including:
 - **Parenting Plan (if sharing custody) Schedule A**
 - Child Support Calculations or copy of current child support order from another case **Schedule B**
 - (If applicable) **Exhibit C** copy of Order of Filiation or Verified Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity

For assistance with child support calculations and the Parenting Plan contact Family Court Services (208)287-7600 or fcs@adacounty.id.gov

2 Complete **ONE** of these forms:

- ☐ Acknowledgment of Service
OR
- ☐ Affidavit of Service

3 If uncontested, complete one set of finalizing forms applicable to your case:

***By Default:** (To file 22 days after service) **OR**

- ☐ Decree of Custody/Support/Paternity
**Answer every question identically to the answers given on the Petition.
Attach all of the same Schedules from the Petition behind the Decree, including:
 - Parenting Plan (if sharing custody) **A**
 - Child Support Continuing Support Worksheet **B** (if you have multiple minor children together) Or copy of current support order from another case.
- ☐ Motion and Affidavit for Default
- ☐ Default Order
- ☐ Child Support Order Transmittal
- ☐ 2 self-addressed stamped envelopes, one for each party (These are used to mail a copy of the Decree to each party after being signed by the judge.)

Questions?

Email cao@adacounty.id.gov or call us at (208) 287- 6944/63.

If you are filing in Ada County, you can send your completed forms to the Ada CAO for an **Online Form Review** as attachments to:

cao@adacounty.id.gov .

1) Please SCAN and EMAIL paper forms in **PDF** format, or take pictures and convert to **PDF**. Some cell phones have a feature to convert photos to PDF, or look for a free phone app such as Adobe Scan.

2) **OR** complete the forms in a **PDF**, **Microsoft Word** or **Rich Text** format from our websites and email them.

3) We will review and return by email your CAO forms as soon as possible.

***By Stipulation:** (No waiting period to file)

- ☐ Stipulation for Entry of Order/Judgment/Decree
**Attach a completed copy of the Decree of Custody/Support/Paternity to the back of stipulation
- ☐ Decree of Custody/Support/Paternity
Attach Schedules behind Decree, including:
 - Parenting Plan (if sharing custody) **A**
 - Child Support Continuing Support Worksheet (if you have multiple minor children together) **B** Or copy of current support order from another case.
- ☐ Child Support Order Transmittal (if setting or changing support)
- ☐ 2 self-addressed stamped envelopes, one for each party (These are used to mail a copy of the Decree to each party after being signed by the judge.)

Important Notice:

Please keep in mind that we can only help you to review your forms for general completeness. We cannot tell you if the information in your forms is correct, or provide any other legal advice. If you are unsure about something you have listed or want to include in your forms, please seek legal advice before you file. In addition, we are unable to review non-Court Assistance Office paperwork.

Below, there are several options to file your paperwork with the Clerk's Office (subject to change):

	Options	How to
1	Mail paperwork and/or fee payment to Clerk's office (Note: personal check, cashier's check, money order payable to "Ada County" are accepted)	Ada County Clerk's Office 200 W. Front Street Boise, ID 83702
2	E-file, refer to websites for instructions, registration and payment. This option requires setting up an e-filing account and only using e-filing for the life of the case.	https://icourt.idaho.gov/ https://adacounty.id.gov/clerk/court-assistance/resources/ (Note: You will have to select the correct code category for your case type as demonstrated in this fees schedule: https://isc.idaho.gov/rules/IRCP_AppendixA_07.18.pdf For example, the Divorce with Children case falls under code B1A, the Name Change code is A7. Once the correct code is entered, you can fill the information and a correct fee will appear at the end.)
3	Physically drop off the paperwork at the courthouse. The Ada County Courthouse is located at: 200 W. Front Street Boise, ID 83702	8AM-5PM, Monday to Friday.
4	Email paperwork (Note 1: Option not available for paperwork requiring filing fee and/or self-addressed envelopes. Note 2: Option available if <u>Fee Waiver</u> is filed with paperwork)	Clerk's Office filing email: adacourt@adacounty.id.gov

For the current filing process please call the Clerk's Office directly at (208)287-6900 during business hours of 8AM to 5PM.

COMPUTER ACCESS AND PRINTING SERVICES

A. Computer Access:

Your local public library may provide an appointment for free computer access and free Internet service. Please visit your local library's websites for additional information:

- a) Main Boise Public Library: <https://www.boisepubliclibrary.org/classes-events/computer-appointments/>
- b) Meridian Public Library: <https://www.mld.org/>
- c) Nampa Public Library: <https://nampalibrary.org/>

B. Printing Services:

- a) Your local public libraries may also offer printing services. In addition, some also offer mobile printing services. Please visit their websites for detailed information.
- b) Search online or in a local phone book for a printing/copy service business or office supply store. Please check their websites for detailed information.

STEPS FOR CUSTODY CASES

Step 1: File: Bring or send your forms to the court

Petitioner (person filing for divorce):

- ❑ Complete a) Family Law Case Information Sheet, b) Petition with Parenting Plan, Affidavit Verifying Income, and Child Support Worksheet, and c) Summons.
- ❑ Sign and date Petition.
- ❑ Make 2 copies of Petition and Summons. Make 1 extra copy of Parenting Plan (to attach later to Custody Decree).
- ❑ Have forms reviewed at a full-service Court Assistance Office.
- ❑ File originals and copies with Clerk, and pay the appropriate filing fee or a Motion and Affidavit for Fee Waiver. The Clerk will keep the original Petition, stamp your copies and return them to you (1 for you, 1 for Respondent). Some courts issue temporary orders and orders to attend parent education (1 for each of you).

Parents are
working
together

Step 2: Service: Get the
forms to the other parent

Parents are
NOT working
together

- ❑ Fill out Acknowledgment of Service and deliver it to Respondent (the other parent) with 1 copy of the Petition with Exhibits/Schedules, Summons, any order to attend parent education class and any temporary orders.
- ❑ Respondent completes and signs Acknowledgment of Service in front of a Notary and returns form to you.
- ❑ Make 2 copies of signed Acknowledgement of Service.
- ❑ File original with the court. Keep 1 copy, mail 1 copy to Respondent.

Step 3: Attend Parent
Education Class

Attend Focus on Children
class (if required)

Contact Family Court Services at:
287-7600 if you have questions about
the class.

Step 4: Finalize: file forms
to complete your case

- ❑ Fill out Affidavit of Service. Deliver it with 1 copy of the Petition with Exhibits/Schedule, Summons, any order to attend parent education class and temporary orders to a Server:
 - a person 18 or older not a party to the case;
 - professional process server; or
 - the County Sheriff.
- ❑ Server completes and signs Affidavit of Service after serving Respondent (the other parent).
- ❑ Make 2 copies of signed form.
- ❑ File original with the court. Keep 1 copy, mail 1 copy to the Respondent.

Stipulation:
Parents agree

Case is
contested

Default: Case is
NOT contested

- ❑ Fill out Stipulation for Entry of Order, Judgment or Decree; Decree of Paternity, Custody, Visitation, Support; and, Child Support (CS) Order Summary Form.
- ❑ Each party signs Sworn Stipulation.
- ❑ You should have a total of 2 copies of the Decree: 1 copy to attach to the stipulation and 1 copy for judge to sign.
- ❑ File Stipulation. Deliver Decree and CS Order Summary Form to the Clerk.
- ❑ **Provide 2 self-addressed pre-stamped envelopes; 1 for you and 1 for Respondent.**

Note: Other counties may require additional copies. Check with your local Court Assistance Office.

- ❑ Respondent files a response before 21 days (includes weekends and holidays) after date served.
- ❑ If child support is at issue see CAO FL Instr 5-1 Instructions for Mandatory Disclosures, CAO FL Pi 5-1 Mandatory Disclosure in Contested Cases Involving Child Support, and CAO FL 4-4 Certificate of Service.
- ❑ Consult with an attorney about your options or schedule mediation to see if you both can agree. If you can't agree, your case will go to trial.

- ❑ Wait 21 days (including weekends and holidays) after date served.
- ❑ Fill out and sign Motion and Affidavit for Default (2 copies), Child Support (CS) Order Summary Form (no copy) and Decree of Paternity, Custody, Visitation, Support (no copy), Default Order (1 copy).
- ❑ File default forms. Deliver Decree and CS Order Summary Form to the Clerk.
- ❑ **Provide 2 self-addressed pre-stamped envelopes; 1 for you and 1 for Respondent.**
- ❑ Attend hearing if required.

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