



**Child Maintenance
Service**

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Child Maintenance Service Team

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Date: 26 April 2023

Your reference number: 501002026042

Our reference: 1115018

Dear Sir/Madam

Potential criminal offence – deduction from earnings order (DEO)

You have failed to pay a DEO.

Call us immediately on [GB and NI Employer Phone] to pay the DEO amount you owe.

Criminal proceedings

As an officer authorised by the Child Maintenance Service, I am advising you that criminal proceedings will begin unless you contact us within 7 days of the date of this letter.

You are committing a potential criminal offence under regulation:

- Section 14A of the Child Support Act 1991 for failing to comply with requirements in relation to information under regulations 4 (2)(b) of the Child Support Information Regulation 2008- and/or
- Section 32(8) of the Child Support Act 1991 (including Northern Ireland) and regulation 25 of the Child Support (Collection and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 for failing to comply with the requirements of a deduction from earnings order

The law states it is an offence to:

- refuse or fail to supply information when asked for
- make a false statement or representation
- knowingly provide false information
- fail to comply with a DEO

What happens if you do not comply with this order

Failure to comply with this DEO could lead to prosecution under section 32(8) of the Child Support Act 1991 in England, Wales and Scotland; or Article 32(8) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 in Northern Ireland.

If this happens, we can take you to court, unless you can prove you have taken all reasonable steps to comply with the requirements of the order.

You can be fined £500 for each missed payment and up to £1,000 for not providing information you've been asked for.

For more information about managing a deduction from earnings order visit **www.gov.uk** and search for 'DEO'.