

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION and PUBLIC

Forms to Assist Litigants Seeking Relief Under The *Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act* (“FOAEAA”)

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On November 15, 2023, amendments to the *Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act* (FOAEAA) came into force.

- FOAEAA permits the search of certain federal databases for the purposes of providing information about a person’s whereabouts and their income.
- The amendments to the FOAEAA expanded the circumstances under which a search of these federal databases is permissible.
- Previously, the release of information was only permitted to support the enforcement of an existing family court order (i.e. support, parenting, and contact orders).
- The amended legislation now permits searches where an individual is seeking to establish or vary a support order.

Since that time forms have been available to support those who wish to seek relief under the FOAEAA.

- These forms are not prescribed under the *Family Law Rules*. They have been created to make it easier for individuals to seek relief under the FOAEAA and to support meeting requirements under that legislation.
- At the time that these amendments came into force, Regulation SOR/2023-125, Release of Information for Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Regulations set out the information that was available pursuant to these amendments. On November 15, 2024, the regulation was amended to expand the type of information available from federal databases.
- The forms have been updated to reflect the November 15, 2024 amendments.

The forms are available [here](#) on the Ontario Court Forms website .