

NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION and PUBLIC

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

On November 15, 2024, 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.

Forms are now available to support litigants who are establishing or varying support and 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.

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