

Form for Child Support Enforcement Exemption in TANF

NM Works Child Support Enforcement Requirements

NM Works, also called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), provides a cash benefit to families with children. You can apply for NM Works through the Income Support Division (ISD). Adults who get TANF must give information about any absent parents to the Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) so they can seek child support. Even if you do not have information about the absent parent, you still need to complete and submit the child support packet to CSED. Some adults are exempt from seeking child support. Read below to see when and how you can request an exemption.

Use this form to notify that you are exempt from Child Support Enforcement

If you give ISD a letter from a domestic violence counselor explaining that you are in a domestic violence situation or shelter, ISD must exempt you from the child support requirement when you apply for TANF.ⁱ

*If you do not have a letter from a domestic violence counselor, but you have a good reason not to seek child support from an absent parent, you must ask CSED for an exemption. You can use this form to request an exemption. CSED may ask for more documents to prove your situation, but they cannot require a specific document. **A police report or protection order is not required.** A letter from someone who knows the situation, medical records, or even your own sworn statement can be used to show you are exempt. You must receive a written notice explaining if your exemption was approved or denied.ⁱⁱ*

Instructions:

Complete this form and turn it in at your local Child Support Enforcement Division Office in person, by mail at Child Support Enforcement Division PO Box 25110, Santa Fe, NM 87502, or by email to Child.Support@state.nm.us. If you have documents that show you should be exempt from enforcing child support, you should submit a copy of them with this form. **Ask for a receipt!**

I, _____, **am exempt from child support enforcement requirements**
(NAME of NM Works Participant)

because:

- It will put me and/or my child at risk of domestic violence and/or make it more difficult for me to escape a domestic violence situation.ⁱⁱⁱ
- The child is a result of incest or rape.^{iv}
- Enforcing child support would not be in the best interests of the child(ren).^v Please explain: _____.

Name (please print)

ISD Case No.

Signature

Date of Signature

Address and phone number

Remember! Ask for a Fair Hearing if you disagree with an action in your case!
CALL: (505) 476-6213 to ask for a Fair Hearing

If you have questions about this form, call Louise or Sovereign at 505-255-2840

ⁱ NMAC 8.102.420.14(E)(3)(a)(i).

ⁱⁱ NMAC 8.102.420.14(E)(4).

ⁱⁱⁱ NMAC 8.102.420.14(E); 8.50.105.15; and 8.50.124.13.

^{iv} NMAC 8.50.108.8(C).

^v NMAC 8.102.420.14(E) and 8.50.108.8(C).