

Potential Income Summary Sheet

Minn. Stat. § 518A.32

Methods for Determining Potential Income	Exceptions to Imputation of Potential Income
<p>Calculation based upon a party's work history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factors to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education level & Certifications ○ Union rate ○ Years of experience in field ○ Historical income • Sources of information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DEED & PRISM ○ Tax Returns & Paystubs ○ Transcripts ○ Salary Survey 	<p>The unemployment or underemployment is temporary and will lead to an increase in income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While this section does not need to be read in tandem with the bona fide career change exception, there is often an overlap in situations. • Examples may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A party was laid off and is engaging in a good faith job search. ○ A party is finishing up an educational or certificate program.
<p>Calculation based upon unemployment compensation or worker's compensation.</p>	<p>The unemployment or underemployment is due to a "bona fide" career change where the benefit of the change outweighs the negative effect of the reduced income on the child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How old is the child? For example, enrollment in a 4 year college might benefit a young child, but if the joint child is a teenager, they are not likely to see any benefit. ○ What evidence is present regarding the likely increase in income for the new career? ○ Does the new field allow the parent additional time to spend time with the child or meet the child's needs?
<p>100% of the federal or state minimum wage (whichever is higher) for 30 hours per week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Minnesota minimum wage is \$11.13 per hour • This is currently \$1,446 per month (\$11.13 per hour * 30 hours per week * 4.33 weeks per month) 	<p>The unemployment or underemployment is due to the parent's physical or mental incapacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A finding of disability by the Social Security Administration may meet this factor. • If there has been no SSA finding, a party should consider providing a workability statement from their health care provider. This workability statement should be detailed and provide information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How the ability to work is restricted ○ How long the condition is expected to last ○ Upcoming surgeries or treatment ○ The number of hours the parent is able to work per week ○ If the parent is compliant with the treatment plan
	<p>The unemployment is due to the parent's incarceration.</p>
	<p>Receipt of MFIP or TANF</p>
	<p>Receipt of GA (general assistance)</p>
	<p>Receipt of SSI (supplemental social security income)</p>
	<p>For self employed parties, potential income may not be imputed if they can show that their self-employment income is lower due to economic conditions which are directly related to the source of the party's income.</p>