



Ohio Revised Code Section 3115.701 Definitions.

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As used in sections 3115.701 to 3115.713 of the Revised Code:

- (A) "Application" means a request under the convention by an obligee or obligor, or on behalf of a child, made through a central authority for assistance from another central authority.
- (B) "Central authority" means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in division (E)(4) of section 3115.102 of the Revised Code to perform the functions specified in the convention.
- (C) "Convention support order" means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in division (E)(4) of section 3115.102 of the Revised Code.
- (D) "Direct request" means a petition filed by an individual in a tribunal of this state in a proceeding involving an obligee, obligor, or child residing outside the United States.
- (E) "Foreign central authority" means the entity designated by a foreign country described in division (E)(4) of section 3115.102 of the Revised Code to perform the functions specified in the convention.
- (F) "Foreign support agreement" means an agreement that meets the following criteria:
- (1) It is an agreement for support in a record to which all of the following apply:
 - (a) It is enforceable as a support order in the country of origin.
 - (b) One of the following applies:
 - (i) It has been formally drawn up or registered as an authentic instrument by a foreign tribunal; or



(ii) It has been authenticated by, or concluded, registered, or filed with a foreign tribunal.

(c) It may be reviewed and modified by a foreign tribunal.

(2) It includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the convention.

(G) "United States central authority" means the secretary of the United States department of health and human services.
