



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5101:12-50-17 Seek work orders.

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(A) The child support enforcement agency (CSEA) with administrative responsibility may request that the court issue an order requiring an obligor under a court support order to seek employment or engage in work activities under the Ohio works first (OWF) program when the CSEA determines that the obligor under a court support order is unemployed, has no income, and does not have an account at any financial institution.

(B) When the obligor under an administrative child support order is unemployed but able to engage in employment and has no income and no account at any financial institution, the CSEA with administrative responsibility shall issue an administrative order for the obligor to seek employment or engage in work activities under the OWF program. The CSEA shall:

(1) Include in the administrative seek work order a requirement that the obligor notify the CSEA immediately upon obtaining employment, any income, or ownership of any asset with a value of over five hundred dollars.

(2) Issue the administrative seek work order whether or not the obligor is a recipient of OWF benefits.

When the obligor is a recipient of OWF benefits and has signed a self-sufficiency contract pursuant to section 5107.14 of the Revised Code, the administrative seek work order shall contain the same work activity requirements as the signed self-sufficiency contract.

(3) Request that the court issue an order in accordance with paragraph (A) of this rule when an obligor fails to comply with an administrative seek work order.

(C) When the court or the CSEA issues a seek work order to the obligor, the court or CSEA shall include in the order the requirement that the obligor register with "OhioMeansJobs" pursuant to section 3121.03 of the Revised Code.



(D) When the court or CSEA has issued a minimum child support obligation in accordance with section 3119.06 of the Revised Code, the CSEA shall not enforce the obligation of the obligor to pay the amount of support due under a support order while the obligor is receiving means-tested public assistance, as described in division (C)(12)(a) of section 3119.01 of the Revised Code, and is complying with any seek work orders issued pursuant to section 3121.03 of the Revised Code.