
DCSE Policy & Procedures Unit
Policy Update
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SUBJECT: Interest on Past Support Judgments

**Please contact the Policy Unit if you have any questions regarding these or any other changes at
*DCSE-POLICYQUESTIONS, CSE.POLICY or (602) 771-8127.**

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House Bill 2276 requires a change to interest accruals on past support judgments. Interest will not accrue on past support judgments entered in court on or after September 26, 2008. Past support judgments entered in court before September 26, 2008 will continue to have interest charged on the principal balance.

The following policy statements are in support of the new legislation:

- 1. Interest will accrue on unpaid support and past support principal balance that is reduced to a written judgment before September 26, 2008. Interest does not accrue on interest.**
- 2. Past support reduced to a written judgment on or after September 26, 2008 does not accrue interest for any time period.**
 - a. A past support judgment includes an amount for a time period before the initial establishment of support.**

A past support judgment includes an amount for a time period before the initial establishment of support. By law these judgments may not exceed three years unless allowed by the court. The past support judgments that will no longer accrue interest when entered on or after September 26, 2008 are:

- **Past Child Support Judgments** - when the court orders a judgment of support for a time period before the establishment of the initial order.
- **Judgments for Lying in Costs** - when the court orders a judgment for Lying in Costs for pregnancy and child birth expenses.
- **Judgments for Past Medical Expenses**- when the court orders a judgment for medical expenses incurred prior to the establishment of support.

Follow these steps when adding the past support judgment to ATLAS.

SUOD Screen:

Panel One

- If the J & O addresses child support and is an Initial Order, enter **INI** in the **Order Type** field.
- If the J & O addresses child support and it is a divorce decree, enter **DIV** in the **Order Type** field.

- If child support is not addressed on the J & O, enter **PSJ** in the **Order Type** field.

Panel Two on the **Judgment and Fees Type** field:

- Enter **PSJ** for Past Child Support judgments when it is an Arizona order. Past Support judgments from foreign orders are entered with the **JCH** Judgment type.
- Enter **LIC** for Judgments for Lying in Costs.
- Enter **JPM** for Judgments for Past Medical Support Expenses

Complete all other **SUOD** fields as appropriate to the order.

DEDN Screen:

For Past Child Support Judgments enter **PSJ** in the **Obligation** field when the Past Support Judgment is from an Arizona order. You must have the **PSJ** code entered on the **Judgment Type** field on **SUOD**. For Past Support Judgments from foreign orders, enter the **JCH** Obligation code.

For Judgments for Lying in Costs enter **JLI** in the **Obligation** field. You must have the **LIC** code entered on the **Judgment Type** field on **SUOD**.

For Judgments for Past Medical Support Expenses enter **JMS** in the **Obligation** field. You must have the **JMS** code entered on the **Judgment Type** field on **SUOD**.

When the PSJ, LIC or JPM judgments have a court order sign date on or after September 26, 2008, you must enter an "N" in the **DEDN Interest On** field.

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