

**WAC 388-14A-3321 What happens if the custodial parent requests a hearing on a notice of support debt and demand for payment?** (1) If the custodial parent (CP) requests a hearing on a notice of support debt and demand for payment (also called the "notice of support debt"), the hearing is for the limited purpose of determining the support debt under the order through the date of the hearing.

(2) The office of administrative hearings (OAH) sends a notice of hearing to the NCP, to the division of child support (DCS), and to the payee.

(a) The NCP and the payee each may participate in the hearing.

(b) "Participating in" or "proceeding with" the hearing may include signing a consent order or agreed settlement under WAC 388-14A-3600.

(3) If only one party appears and wishes to proceed with the hearing, the administrative law judge (ALJ) holds a hearing and issues an order based on the evidence presented or continues the hearing. See WAC 388-14A-6110 and 388-14A-6115 to determine if the ALJ enters an initial order or a final order.

(a) An order issued under this subsection includes an order of default against the nonappearing party and limits the appeal rights of the nonappearing party to the record made at the hearing.

(b) If neither the NCP nor the payee appears or wishes to proceed with the hearing, the ALJ issues an order of default against both parties.

(4) If the payee requests a late hearing on a notice of support debt, the payee must show good cause for filing the late hearing request.

(5) When DCS uses a notice of support debt to assess and collect interest on an out-of-state support order, see WAC 388-14A-7110.

(6) For the purpose of this section, the terms "payee" and "CP" are interchangeable, and can mean either the payee under the order or the person with whom the child resides the majority of the time.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 26.23.035, 34.05.220(1), 74.20A.310, 26.23.110, and 74.20A.040. WSR 05-07-059, § 388-14A-3321, filed 3/11/05, effective 4/11/05.]