

**RCW 26.21A.601 Definitions.** In this article:

- (1) "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.
- (2) "Central authority" means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in RCW 26.21A.010(5)(d) to perform the functions specified in the convention.
- (3) "Convention support order" means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in RCW 26.21A.010(5)(d).
- (4) "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.
- (5) "Foreign central authority" means the entity designated by a foreign country described in RCW 26.21A.010(5)(d) to perform the functions specified in the convention.
- (6) "Foreign support agreement":
  - (a) Means an agreement for support in a record that:
    - (i) Is enforceable as a support order in the country of origin;
    - (ii) Has been:
      - (A) Formally drawn up or registered as an authentic instrument by a foreign tribunal; or
      - (B) Authenticated by or concluded, registered, or filed with a foreign tribunal; and
      - (iii) May be reviewed and modified by a foreign tribunal; and
    - (b) Includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the convention.
  - (7) "United States central authority" means the secretary of the United States department of health and human services. [2015 c 214 § 46.]

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