

Answer to Child Support Complaint

Step 1	Complete: Complete form FL-610 Answer to Complaint or Supplemental Complaint Regarding Parental Obligations (use blue or black ink)
Step 2	Copies: Make 2 copies, in addition to the original.
Step 3 There is no filing fee.	File: Turn in the original and copies to the Clerk's Office in the courthouse located at: 201 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95113 The Clerk's Office opens at 8:30am Monday-Friday, closing times are subject to change, visit www.scscourt.org or call 408-534-5600 for current office hours.
Step 4	Service: After the filed copies are returned to you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keep a copy for your records ▪ Serve by mail: Have an adult, not you, mail a filed copy to DCSS at 333 W Julian Street, San Jose, CA 95110. The person who serves it must complete a Proof of Service by Mail form (FL-335). File the FL-335 with the court. ▪ The other party does not have to be served with a copy.
Step 5	Court Hearing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When DCSS receives your Answer, they will mail you a court date. ▪ Go to your hearing.
NOTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you miss your court hearing, orders may be issued without you being there. ▪ You may contact DCSS at 1-866-901-3212 to check on the status of your case.

WHY SHOULD I FILE AN ANSWER?

You should file an answer if:

- 1) You want a paternity test for the child(ren) named in the Complaint
- 2) You agree you are the parent, but you do not agree with what is requested in the Complaint (child support amount, health insurance orders, etc).

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T FILE AN ANSWER?

If you DO NOT file an Answer within 30 days of being served, a "default judgment" will be filed against you which will look exactly like the "proposed judgment" in the packet you were given. You will have to pay the amount or orders requested and made at the hearing regardless of your appearance.

HOW CAN I GET HELP?

Here are some ways to get help:

- Go to <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public>, then click on "Lawyer Referral services" to hire or consult with a private attorney.
- For free legal advice and information, see our "Do-It-Yourself Resources" flyer. Go to www.scscourt.org, click on "Self-Help" then "Self-Help Flyers".
- The Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator – See our information flyer:
 - Contact us: Go to www.scscourt.org then click "**Contact the Self-Help Center**". Walk-in assistance is limited to emergencies so contact us remotely first.
 - Obtain Forms: Go to www.scscourt.org then click "**Complete Forms at Home**".
 - Form Review: Email your forms as a PDF file to SHCDocReview@scscourt.org.
 - Note: We **cannot** help people who have attorneys.

Superior Court, County of Santa Clara
Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office
201 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113
408-882-2926