

Maintenance Enforcement Program

Waiving Interest

Creditors may choose not to have interest charged and collected on their behalf. For more information about interest, please see information sheet *Interest Charges* (catalogue #99025).

Creditors registered with the Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) **before** October 1, 2008 have only one opportunity to tell MEP not to charge interest on their behalf. Once they have asked MEP not to charge interest, they cannot ask for interest to be collected again.

Creditors registered with MEP **after** October 1, 2008 can ask that MEP not charge interest on their behalf at the time they register. Creditors can also contact MEP after their file is registered to ask that interest not be charged.

Creditors Registered with MEP Who Receive Income Support from the Alberta Government

Creditors may ask MEP not to charge interest on their behalf while receiving Income Support from the Alberta Government. However, creditors can only ask that interest not be charged on money owed to them, not on money owed to the government. For more information on what happens to child and spousal support payments when creditors receive Income Support, please see *Income Support and the Government's Right to Receive Maintenance Payments* (catalogue #99025).

How to ask MEP not to Collect Interest on Your Behalf

Creditors must complete the Waiver of Interest Form and return it to MEP to stop interest charges. These forms may be found on MEP's website under *Creditor Forms* (see below).

This document is part of a series of MEP information sheets that can be obtained in the following ways:

- MEP's website at www.albertamep.gov.ab.ca
 - MEP's fax-on-demand service on the *MEP Info Line* by calling 780-422-5555 and using the catalogue number of the information sheet you wish to request
- * **Toll-free** service to all Government of Alberta phone numbers is available from anywhere in Alberta by calling 310-0000 and following the voice prompts