

**518C.701 DEFINITIONS.**

In sections 518C.701 to 518C.713:

(a) "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.

(b) "Central authority" means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in section 518C.101, paragraph (e), clause (4), to perform the functions specified in the convention.

(c) "Convention support order" means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in section 518C.101, paragraph (e), clause (4).

(d) "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.

(e) "Foreign central authority" means the entity designated by a foreign country described in section 518C.101, paragraph (e), clause (4), to perform the functions specified in the convention.

(f) "Foreign support agreement":

(1) 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

(2) includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the convention.

(g) "United States central authority" means the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

**History:** 1994 c 630 art 7 s 1; 1997 c 203 art 6 s 71; 2014 c 189 s 55,73; 2015 c 71 art 1 s 119