

Abbreviations and Glossary

BAU	Business as usual.
Child	For child support purposes, someone is a child if they are under 16, or under 20 if they are in full-time non-advanced education, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Applications/Applications.aspx
Child in Scotland	A qualifying child of 12 or over who lives in Scotland. A child in Scotland can apply for child support maintenance and a variation in their own right, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Applications/Applications.aspx
CHB	Child Benefit
CIFBA	Child in family based arrangement - a child who is habitually resident in the UK, where the NRP/PWC have a family based arrangement for periodic payments of maintenance, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Calculations/Child-supported-under-an-FBA.aspx
CIS	Customer Information System
Child Maintenance Options	Child Maintenance Options is a free service for separated families. It provides impartial information and support to help parents sort out child maintenance and deal with many of the other issues around separation.
CM	Child maintenance or child support maintenance - the money that child support law says a non-resident parent must pay towards the cost of bringing up the children, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Calculations/Maintenance-calculations-overview.aspx
CMS	The 2012 Scheme: the government's statutory child maintenance service, introduced in December 2012.

CMG	Child Maintenance Group - the CMG is responsible for running the two existing statutory child maintenance schemes under the CSA and the CMS, as well as providing information and support to parents through its Child Maintenance Options service.
CSA	Child Support Agency - the 1993 and 2003 Schemes.
CSA 1993	The 1993 Scheme: the original child support scheme that was introduced in 1993.
CSA 2003	The 2003 Scheme: replaced the original (1993) scheme and was introduced in 2003.
DEO / DER	Deduction from earnings order / deduction from earnings request - the CMS can take deductions from an employed NRP's earnings, or request a deduction from earnings where the NRP's employer is the armed forces, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Arrears%20MOC/DEOs-and-DERs-DMG.aspx
DM	Decision Maker - a decision maker makes decisions on applications for child maintenance on behalf of the Secretary of State.
DMD	Default maintenance decision - where the NRP does not provide the information to work out child maintenance, the CMS can make a default maintenance decision. This means that the NRP must pay child maintenance at a 'default rate' until they provide the information needed, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Calculations/General/Current-income-employed.aspx and http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Calculations/General/Current-income-self-employed.aspx
DSDNI	Department for Social Development Northern Ireland
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions - the DWP is the largest government department in the UK and is responsible for the

	welfare and pension policy.
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
FRM	Flat rate maintenance - where the NRP is in receipt of a prescribed benefit the flat rate maintenance will apply.
HMCTS	HM Courts and Tribunals Service
HMRC	HM Revenue and Customs
Instructions	Guidance/procedures
NRP	Non-resident parent: the parent who is not the main day-to-day carer of the child/ren. NRP is the term used within the PLDMG for a Paying Parent, as Non-resident parent is defined in legislation, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Applications/Applications.aspx
OLT	Operational Leadership Team
PAYE	Pay as you earn
PIP	Personal independence payment
PWC	Parent with care: the parent who is the main day-to-day carer of the child/ren. PWC is the term used within the PLDMG for a Receiving Parent, as parent with care is defined in legislation, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Applications/Applications.aspx
QC	Qualifying child - a child who the non-resident parent has to pay maintenance for, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Applications/Applications.aspx
Rep	Representative -clients are entitled to arrange for a representative to deal with their case, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Managing%20Client%20Contact/Managing-Client-Contact.aspx#Representatives

ROC	Relevant other child - a child other than the QC for whom the NRP or their partner receives child benefit, see guidance here: http://np-cmg-sharepoint.link2.gpn.gov.uk/sites/policy-law-and-decision-making-guidance/Pages/Calculations/Relevant-Other-Child-Decision-Making-Guidance.aspx
SOS / SofS	Secretary of State - the Secretary of State is a Cabinet Minister who has overall responsibility for the DWP.
UC	Universal Credit

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