

Maintenance Summonses

This fact sheet provides basic information for people entitled to make a maintenance application, and for people who are responding to a maintenance application. This fact sheet only covers maintenance summonses issued under the Magistrate's Complaint procedure. General information on Family Court processes is available on the Family Court website at <http://www.subcourts.gov.sg/family>.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR MAINTENANCE?

You can apply for maintenance

- for your child from the other parent, if he or she neglects or refuses to provide your child with reasonable maintenance;
- for yourself from your husband, if you are a married woman whose husband neglects or refuses to provide you with reasonable maintenance;
- for yourself from your parent, if you are over 21 and you are still a full-time NSman or student.

The law on maintenance is in **section 69** of the **Women's Charter**. You can find the Women's Charter at the **Singapore Statutes Online** website <http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR MAINTENANCE?

You can apply for maintenance by swearing or affirming a **Magistrate's Complaint** before a Judge of the Family Court. You must come personally to the Family Court to do this.

A blank Magistrate's Complaint form is attached to the back of this fact sheet.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON MAINTENANCE SUMMONSES

For more detailed information on maintenance summonses, please refer to the Family Court pamphlet on *Maintenance*. Ask for a copy of the pamphlet at the Information Counter, located on the first floor of the Family Court.