MEP Accounts Online Guide April 2023



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Logging in For the First Time

- Contact MEP by phone. Call 780-422-5555 in Edmonton. From elsewhere in Alberta, dial 310-0000 first to contact MEP toll-free.
- Speak with a service agent and ask for your 7-digit MEP file number, and your registration identification number (RIN)
 - o Write down the RIN exactly as it is provided to you it is case sensitive.
- The service agent will also provide you with your 4-digit PIN which can be used to access the MEP Info Line, to access account information through MEP's interactive phone system.
- Go to MEP's website alberta.ca/mep
- Click on MEP Accounts Online



On the MEP Accounts Online page, click the MEP Accounts Online button (under 'Log in to MEP Accounts Online')



• On the MEP Accounts Online Login screen, click "Logging in for the first time".



- On the Register New User screen, enter the following:
 - 1. Your 7-digit MEP file number
 - If you have multiple MEP files, you can enter any one of the file numbers.
 - If your file number is only 5-6 digits, add zero(s) at the beginning of it to make it 7 digits (e.g. if your file number is 123-456, enter 0123-456)
 - 2. Your 8-digit registration ID number (RIN) (can be entered with or without the dash)
 - The RIN is only needed the first time you set up your account.
 - 3. Your email address

4. A password

- Minimum of 7 characters
- Must include one number, one lower case letter and one upper case letter.
- Use the "help" button (?) on the left hand menu for the password rules.

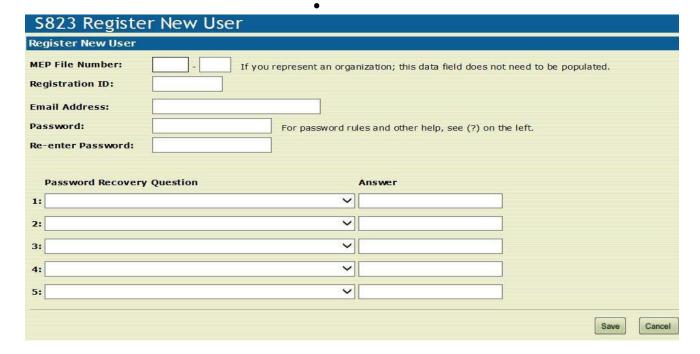




Keep your password in a secure location, and do not share it with anyone else.

5. Five (5) Password Recovery Questions

- Click on drop down arrow, select a question, and enter the answer.
- · The answer must be at least 2 characters long.
- Repeat this process until you have completed all 5 questions and answers.
- · You cannot use the same question twice.



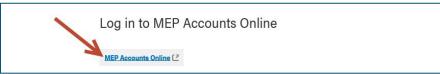
- Click "Save"
- This will take you to the MEP Accounts Online Login screen. Refer to How Do I Login To MEP Accounts Online on the next page for further information.

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On the MEP Accounts Online page, click the MEP Accounts Online button (under 'Log in to MEP Accounts Online')



 On the MEP Accounts Online Login screen, enter the email address and password you used to set up your account and click "Login".



If you are logging in for the first time, Ctrl+click to follow this link Logging In For the First Time

- If you have more than one MEP file, you will be directed to the Select MEP File screen. Click the down arrow and choose the file you wish to view.
 - To view another MEP file, you must log out, then log in again.



- You will automatically be directed to the Update Personal Information screen.
 - You cannot proceed without providing an address.
 - Update any information that has changed and click "Save".
 - Do not enter an email address
 - If none of your personal information has changed, click "Save".



What Information Can I Access on MEP Accounts Online?



For help on any screen, click the <u>question mark</u> in the upper left corner of the screen (under the Alberta Justice logo)

Use the menu on the left hand side of the screen to access information on your account.

Recipient (Creditor) Menu



Payor (Debtor) Menu



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Update Information

- Update your mailing address and phone numbers.
- Do NOT enter an email address.



Report Direct Payment

- Recipients (creditors) only.
- Use this screen to report direct payments (maintenance payments you received outside of MEP – directly from or on behalf of the payor).
- Remember direct payments must be reported within 7 days of when you received the payment to avoid a \$51.50 penalty
- Enter up to 6 direct payments, then click submit.
 A pop-up box will confirm 'Direct Payments have been submitted'.

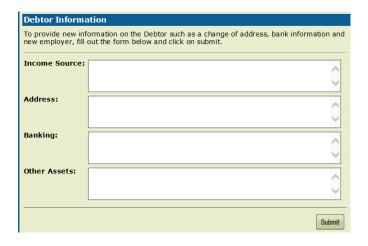


• MEP will adjust your file within 14 days.

S175 Report Direct Payments File Number: File Status: Style of Cause: Report Direct Payments If you wish to claim payments you received directly from the debtor, please enter the exact date in the format specified (e.g. 20020115) and the exact dollar amount (e.g. 322.11) in Canadian funds. Do not enter any amounts that you have previously reported to us if they have already been adjusted. Amount (999999.99) Date (YYYYMMDD) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. Failure to report any direct payment as required may result in a penalty charged to the creditor or the inability of MEP to take collection action. Submit

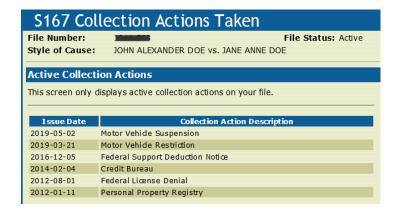
Report Debtor Info

- Use this screen to report information about the payor.
 MEP will review the information and take action if appropriate.
- Enter information in at least one field and click "Submit". A pop-up will display, stating "Debtor Information has been submitted". Click "OK" to close the pop-up, and the screen will re-display as blank.



View Collections

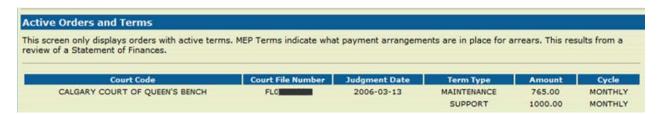
- View current collection actions in place on your file.
 - For information about historical collection actions, contact MEP by using the Send Email or Request Call Back options.
- Confidential information is not disclosed on this screen (e.g. employer, bank, specific real or personal property) for the protection of the payor (debtor).



• For more information about each collection action, refer to the collection information sheet(s) which are available on the MEP's website at alberta.ca/mep.

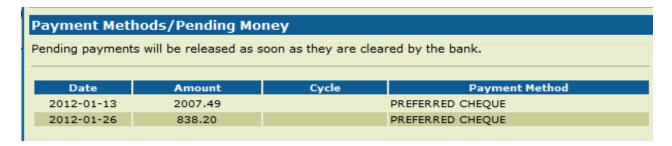
View Terms

- View upcoming ongoing (e.g. monthly) support amounts on your file.
 - Ongoing support amounts do not appear here until the first charge has been applied.
- One-time charges do not show on this screen. To see upcoming one-time charges, refer to the Summary section on your DSA or CSA.



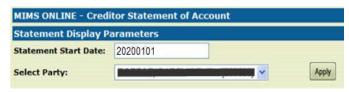
View Payments

- · View pending payments, including pre-authorized withdrawals and post-dated cheques.
- The **Date** indicates the earliest release date of the payment. Funds may be held longer if MEP is holding all funds, or if there are no arrears or charges owing.
- Seeing a payment here does not guarantee the recipient will receive the payment. Payments may be disbursed to a number of different creditors, including the government, refunded to the payor, be returned by the bank, or even applied to another MEP file.
- Payment Methods include: pre-authorized withdrawal, bank draft, cheque, or preferred cheque.

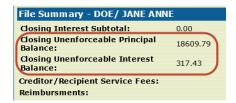


View CSA (Creditor Statement of Account)

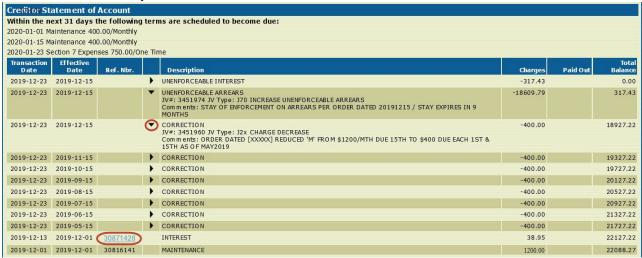
- Recipients (creditors) only.
- · Use this screen to view the charges, payments, and adjustments made on your file.
- The Statement Start Date defaults to January 1st of the current year unless the file was registered within the current year. To change the date, enter a new Statement Start Date and click "Apply".
- You can view your own statement or Party 99 (maintenance that has been subrogated to the Crown if you have received income support benefits).
 - Use the Select Party drop-down list to select which statement to view, and click "Apply".



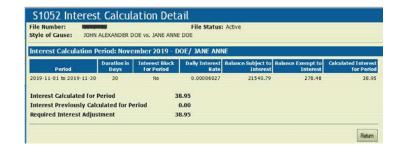
- **Print:** The CSA will print as you see it on your screen.
- Request Statement from MEP: The request will be based on the information you see on your screen. Enter the desired Statement Start Date, select the correct party and click "Apply" before requesting a statement.
- This screen shows enforceable balances only. If your file has unenforceable arrears (for example, a court ordered payment arrangement that does not have a default clause, or there is a stay of enforcement on arrears), look in the File Summary section.



 Adjustments on your file are indicated with a collapsed line. Click the black triangle (left of the Description) to see the comments related to the adjustment.

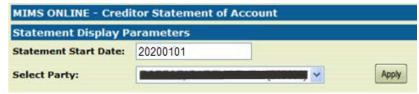


- View Interest details by selecting the Reference Number on any interest charge on the statement.
 - Interest = 'Duration in Days' X 'Daily Interest Rate' X 'Balance Subject to Interest'

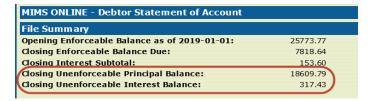


View DSA (Debtor Statement of Account)

- · Payors (debtors) only.
- Use this screen to view the charges, payments, and adjustments made on your file.
- The Statement Start Date defaults to January 1st of the current year unless the file was registered within the current year. To change the date, enter a new Statement Start Date and click "Apply".



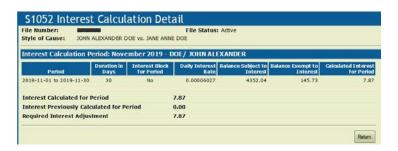
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- If there are multiple recipients on your file, you will see one interest charge per recipient each month.
- View **Interest** details by selecting the Reference Number on any interest charge on the statement.
 - Interest = 'Duration in Days' X 'Daily Interest Rate' X 'Balance Subject to Interest'



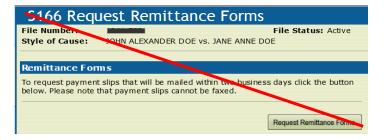
Creditor/Debtor Yearly File Summary

- The Yearly File Summary includes a File Summary and Statement of Account for a single calendar year.
- Enter the year you want the information for, and click Apply to view online; Print; or Request Statement from MEP to have MEP mail a copy to you.



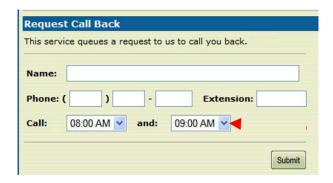
Request Remittance Forms (No longer available)

 Remittance forms are no longer available. Instead, clearly write your 7 digit MEP Account Number on your payment. If paying at the bank, write your account number down and keep it somewhere handy, to provide to the bank teller. This ensures your payment is applied to the correct MEP account.



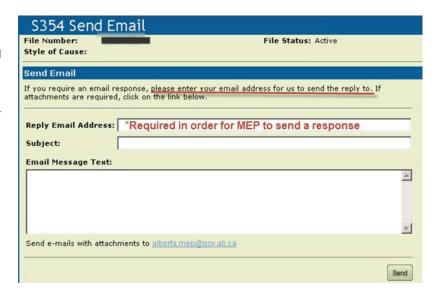
Request Call Back

- Request a call from your case officer.
- Calls are returned in the order in which they are received.
- The Call time defaults to 8:00 am and: 9:00 am.
 You can select a different preferred time by using the drop-down list.
 - Case officers will attempt to call during the time you indicate; however, due to high volumes, they may call at a different time than what you selected, during business hours.



Send Email

- Send MEP a secure email.
- MEP Accounts Online cannot accept email attachments. If you have attachments, please send them to MEP by mail, fax, or email to <u>albertamep@gov.ab.ca</u>. Please write your 7-digit MEP file number on your document.



Request Child Status Review

- Request a Child Status Review if your child's status has or may have changed (for example, they are over the age of majority and no longer in school, or they are no longer in the recipient's care and control).
- MEP will send the recipient a Child Status Form to determine if it is appropriate to continue enforcing support for a child. MEP will inform both parties of the results of the review.



Change Password

- Use this screen to update your password
 - Enter the temporary password
 - Enter and re-enter your new password
 - Click "Save".
- Password rules:
 - Minimum of 7 characters
 - Must include one number, one lower case letter and one upper case letter.
 - Use the "help" button (?) on the left hand menu for the password rules.



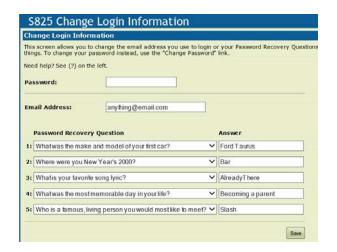


🔨 Keep your password in a secure location, and do not share it with anyone else.

Change Login Info

- Use this screen to update your login email address and/or your password recovery questions/answers.
- For your security, you must enter your password in order to update this information.

Your answers are case sensitive. Keep your exact responses in a secure location, and do not share them with anyone else.



Log Out

- To ensure security of your MEP file information, log out at the end of your session.
- If you have other MEP files, you must log out, then log back in and choose another MEP file during the login process.

Forgot Your Password

On the MEP Accounts Online Login screen, enter your Email Address, and Click 'Cannot Remember Password'

 This will take you to the Get Temporary Password screen. You must answer one of your password recovery questions correctly to get your temporary password.



If you submit a correct answer, a message will immediately appear giving you a new temporary password. You will have 30 seconds to note the temporary password. You will then be taken to the Change Password screen.

Before you click Submit, have a pen and paper ready – or be ready to take a screenshot. The temporary password is case-sensitive and appears on the screen for only 30 seconds.

- Answer the question and click "Submit".
- If you answer 3 questions incorrectly, contact MEP at 780-422-5555 to unlock your account. Ctrl+click to follow this link to refer to Locked Out of the System.
- Make <u>note</u> of the Temporary Password.



- When the password disappears it will take you to the Change Password screen.
 - Enter the temporary password
 - Enter and re-enter your new password
 - Click "Save".



Get Temporary Password

Ouestion:

Answer:



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Cancel

Submit

- This will take you back to the MEP Accounts Online Login screen.
- Enter your email address and new password and click "Login".



 If you did not have time to write down the temporary password that popped up on the screen, click "Cancel" on the Change Password Screen to cancel the process and start again from the MEP Accounts Online Login screen.





Locked Out of the System

You can be locked out of MEP Accounts Online if:

You entered your password incorrectly 5 times in a row, or answered password recovery questions incorrectly 3 times in a
row.

Five Incorrect Password Attempts

- Your account will be locked for 30 minutes if you enter your password incorrectly 5 times in a row.
- After 30 minutes, try again, or use the Cannot Remember Password feature (Ctrl+click to follow this link to refer to Forgot Your Password).
- If you cannot remember your password or the answers to your password recovery questions, follow the 'Three Incorrect
 Password Recovery Questions' instructions below to contact the MEP for a temporary password.

Three Incorrect Password Recovery Questions

- Your account will be disabled if you attempted to reset your password using the 'Cannot remember password' feature and answered 3 password recovery security questions incorrectly in a row.
- You can also follow the instructions below if your account was disabled due to 5 incorrect password attempts.
 - Contact MEP at 780-422-5555 to get your account unlocked and get a temporary password.
 - Using your temporary password, follow the Forgot Your Password instructions to re-set your password.
 - You may wish to review or update your Password Recovery Questions. **Ctrl+click to follow this link** to refer to Change Login Info.