

**TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE**  
**DIVISION 1: DOMESTICS RELATIONS**

**§ 19201. Definitions.**

As used in this Article:

(a) Administrative hearing means a hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, [1 CMC §§ 9101–9115](#).

(b) Compliance with an order of support means the total of a non-custodial parent's overdue and unpaid court ordered current child support payments for which no payment has been ordered thereon, or overdue and unpaid court ordered payments on an arrearage, is not greater than three (3) months accrual from the effective date of this Article or the date of the order pursuant to which payments were to be made, whichever is later.

(c) Court order of support means any judgment or order for the support of dependent children, or for payments on an arrearage arising out of failure to comply with such judgment or order, issued by any court of the CNMI, another territory, a Tribe, or a state, including an order in a final decree of divorce or judgment or order issued in accordance with an administrative procedure established by state or local law that affords substantial due process and is subject to judicial or administrative review, as the case may be.

(d) Office means the Child Support Enforcement Office, unless otherwise expressly provided, or unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(e) Hearing officer means a hearing officer within the meaning of the Administrative Procedure Act, [1 CMC §§ 9101–9115](#).

(f) Licensing body means any board, commission, department, bureau or office of the CNMI authorized by law to grant, issue, renew, condition, limit, suspend or revoke an authority, license, privilege or right to work or do business in the casino industry, hunt, fish, operate a motor vehicle, or engage in a recreation or sport, or business, occupation, profession or industry.

(g) Non-compliance with an order of support means the total of a non-custodial parent's overdue and unpaid court ordered current child support payments for which no payment has been ordered thereon, or overdue and unpaid court ordered payments on an arrearage, is greater than three (3) months accrual from the effective date of this Article or the date of the order pursuant to which payments were to be made, whichever is later.

(h) Non-custodial parent means any person who is responsible for the support of a child, and who is absent from the household whether the person's location is known or unknown.

**Source:** [PL 20-47](#) § 3 (Mar. 16, 2018), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed “9101-9115” to “9101–9115” in (a) and (e) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#). The Commission changed “any board, commission, department, office, bureau or office” to “any board, commission, department, bureau or office” in (f) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#). The Commission changed “Act” to “Article” in (b) and (g) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(d\)](#).