

What if I am unfit to perform the Community Service Order?

If you are unfit for a short term, the timetable for the performance of community service will be arranged appropriately. If you are unfit for a long term, you will have to present documentary evidence, such as a medical report. MCYS will then assess if an application should be made to the Court to revoke the order.

What if I am unable to complete the Community Service Order within the timeframe of 6 months (e.g. I have to work overseas for a few months)?

A Community Service Order (CSO) is an order of Court and should take precedence over personal commitments. Should you have an official reason e.g. work overseas, you will need to apply to the Court for an extension of the CSO, and provide the necessary evidence, e.g. a letter from your employer explaining the need. The Court will decide whether to extend the timeframe for completion of the CSO. Failure to complete the CSO within 6 months will be considered as a breach of order if you do not have a valid reason.

What happens when you fail to comply with a Community Service Order?

Failure to comply with a Community Service Order is considered a breach of the Order. To avoid action being taken against you, you should comply with the court order.



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Community Service Order

What is a Community Service Order?

A Community Service Order is an order to perform unpaid community work for a period of up to 40 hours. A Community Service Order may be made by the Family Court under Section 71 of the Women's Charter against a person who has defaulted on maintenance payments under a maintenance order.

Who can be ordered to perform community service?

Persons who have not complied with a maintenance order, that is, they have failed to pay maintenance to their wife/ex-wife and/or children as required by a court order, can be ordered to do community service.



What is involved in a Community Service Order (CSO)?

The Court issues you a CSO.



You will be directed to report to the Intake Office of the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) situated at the 5th level of the Subordinate Courts to make an appointment.



At MCYS, you will arrange with the MCYS officer a timetable for performance of community service with MCYS's appointed agency/agencies.



You are required to complete the assigned tasks with the designated agency according to arranged schedule within 6 months from the date of the Court order.

Step 1: Issuance of Community Service Order

The Court may, during a session to enforce a maintenance order, direct that a Community Service Order be issued. You will receive an order requiring that you perform community service under section 71(1)(f) of the Women's Charter.

Step 2: Reporting at Intake Office

As soon as the Community Service Order is made, you are required to go to the MCYS's Intake Office on the 5th level of the Subordinate Courts building.

The operating hours of the MCYS Intake Office are:

Monday – Friday:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed for lunch from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.)

If your case ends later than the operating hours of the Intake Office after 5pm, a MCYS officer will contact you to arrange for an appointment at the MCYS office.

Step 3: Arrangement of Timetable for Performance of Community Service

At the Intake Office, a further appointment will be made for a session at MCYS, where an MCYS officer will arrange a suitable timetable for the performance of community service. You must cooperate and work with the officer on the schedule. You will be informed by the officer on the venue to which you are to report.

Step 4: Performance of Community Service

You are required to complete the assigned tasks, according to the agreed schedule within 6 months. Your attendance will be closely monitored and updated to MCYS and the Family Court.