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I am separated. My ex-spouse pays me child support. Our child is off to post-secondary school. Does my ex-spouse still need to pay me child support?

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Excellent question. Child support can change over the years based on different changes in circumstances of the child and the parents. A big change is a child starting to attend post-secondary education. Generally, if the child is still living at home while attending post-secondary education then regular monthly child support is still payable. However, if the child is living away for post-secondary school, whether “on campus” or “off campus”, regular monthly child support is usually suspended during the time the child is at school, and then is only payable if and when the child returns to live with the recipient parent, typically in the summer months. This presumes the child is attending post-secondary school full time and is not able to financially support him or herself. As the child may be an adult although still in school, if the child is working a fair amount, then some consideration may be given to the financial means available to the child to support him or herself. We do a lot of family/divorce law, with offices in Georgetown, Brampton and Caledon East. For now, we are continuing to do most everything virtually. So we are happy to have a Zoom meeting or a telephone call with you without charge to you to see if we can assist you. Be safe and healthy.

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