

Maintenance Contribution Formula:

Example of how to calculate child maintenance requirements

$$\begin{array}{rcc} \text{Parent's Gross Income} & & \text{Child's financial requirements} \\ \hline & \times & \hline \text{Combined Income of both Parents} & & 1 \end{array}$$

Expenses	Total monthly amount	Parent 1 (2 parts of expenses)	Child 1 (1 part of expenses)	Child 2 (1 part of expenses)
Bond	R16 000.00	R 8 000.00	R4 000.00	R4 000.00
Groceries	R 8 000.00	R 4 000.00	R2 000.00	R2 000.00
Vehicle	R 6 000.00	R 3 000.00	R1 500.00	R1 500.00
TOTAL	R30 000.00	R15 000.00	R7 500.00	R7 500.00

The generally accepted formula applied by the courts to calculate child maintenance is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Parent 1 Income} & = & \text{R40 000.00} \quad \text{Parent 2 Income} & = & \text{R20 000.00} \\ \text{Minor Children's needs} & = & \text{R15 000.00} \end{array}$$

By applying the Maintenance Contribution Formula:-

$$\begin{array}{rcc} \text{R40 000.00} & & \text{R15 000.00} \\ \hline & \times & \hline \text{R60 000.00} & & 1 \end{array} = \text{R10 000.00}$$

Therefore Parent 1 must pay R10 000.00 per month in child support and Parent 2 to contribute R5 000.00.