

DIVORCEmate News & Views

For Users of DIVORCEmate Software

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Ontario Forms+ For Word and WordPerfect Coming! All NEW Tools+ 2001 a Big Hit, Competitive Upgrades Offered!

For the past 14 years, our DIVORCEmate News & Views newsletter has been an important source of information for our 5,000+ software users. Our newsletter has something for everyone - productivity hints, new product and seminar announcements, Family Law and technology information, humour and more. Please ensure that it is circulated to all family law professional staff including secretaries, law clerks, justices, judges, mediators, professors, accountants and lawyers.

“The Perfect Forms+” Coming to a Word-processor Near You Summer 2001

Here they come... the family law forms you have always wanted and the family law forms we have always wanted to produce... **Forms+ for Word and WordPerfect!**

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering our newest software Forms+ software for MS Word 97 and 2000 and WordPerfect 8/9 in the following configurations:

-- PRE-RELEASE PRICING PROMOTIONS -- Ontario, SC & OCJ, Family Law Forms+

Selected & Financial (13), NFP (13B), Money Owed (26)
(approx. 36 forms)

Upgrade (*ships week of 7/30/01 or earlier*) **\$199**

Eligible upgrades: original Lotus 123 based DIVORCEmate Family Court Forms; UCDC Family Court Forms; Dye & Durham Family Law Forms; LSUC/CBAO any “The New Family Law Forms” CD.

Ontario, Superior Court of Justice, Rule 69/70 Forms+

Selected (*replaces old PERFECTmate*) (approx 32 forms)

Upgrade - (*ships week of 8/27/01 or earlier*) **\$129**

Financial 69K & M, NFP 69N (3 forms)

Upgrade (*ships week of 9/24/01 or earlier*) **\$129**

Eligible upgrades: original Lotus 123 based DIVORCEmate 69K/M/N; UCDC Rule 69 Family Forms; DIVORCEmate PERFECTmate Matrimonial Forms, any version.

Both SC upgrades **\$179**

“Special Upgrade Everything” Bundle **\$349**

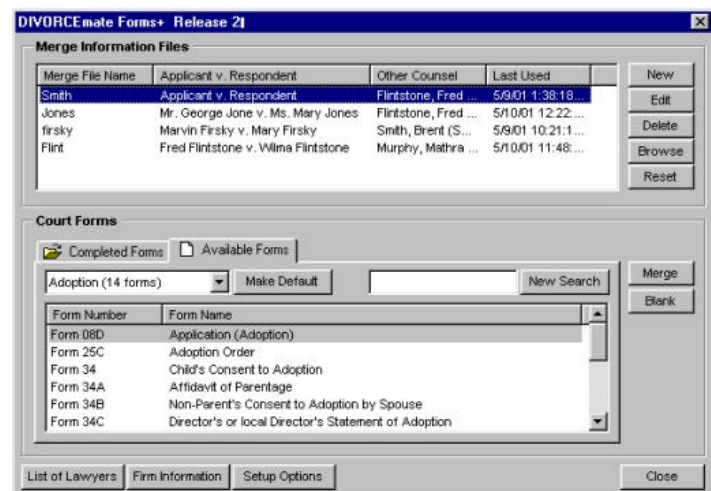
Toronto Family Law Forms+ and Specialty Forms+

Original single user license Toronto Family Law (4 forms) -
(*ships week of 7/30/01 or earlier*) **\$99**

Original single user, Family Court Specialty Forms (child protection & enforcement, adoption, misc. (37 forms) **\$199**

Features and Benefits of DIVORCEmate’s NEW “Forms+” Software

- ☑ **Word-processor based:** Uses only your existing MS Word 97/2000 or Corel WordPerfect 8/9; *no need for HotDocs!*
- ☑ **Simple, straight-forward, “Merge Information” screen:** automatically merges repetitive lawyer, client, and child(ren) information into all court forms; simply click *the client*, click *the desired form*, click *Merge!*



- ☑ **Most word-processing features and benefits are available:** virtually nothing new to learn; use paragraph numbering or outlining; change fonts, **bold**, *italics*; ~~strikeout~~; double line spacing; cut, copy, paste; add rows or delete rows in tables; **unlimited undo**.
- ☑ **Add custom notes anywhere:** Input information and notes just about anywhere on the form, even change the form.
- ☑ **IJ compatibility:** Our forms have been designed with the Integrated Justice's E-filing initiative in mind.
- ☑ **E-mail ready:** e-mail court form file or Acrobat file.
- ☑ **Picks up merge information from Lotus 123 based DIVORCEmate:** uses your existing DIVORCEmate Family Court client information merge files.
- ☑ **Save your files anywhere you wish:** save your client's completed forms in any directory you wish; keep a separate directory for each client.
- ☑ **Automatically creates a folder/directory for each client:** Optionally the software will create individual client folders for each client in a directory specified.
- ☑ **All court forms are stable and user friendly:** forms input areas are expandable as required; tables do not move around; simply click and input, forms are designed to be consistent and stable.

- ☑ **Unlimited Respondents and/or Applicants:** additional Respondents (or Applicants) are simply created and neatly appear in the Title of Proceedings.
- ☑ **Unlimited expansion:** each input area expands as required; one continuous form, in the proper order. No need to add extra pages at the end of the document, since most input areas are infinitely expandable!
- ☑ **One-touch mathematical totalling:** All mathematics in financial statements, net family property statements, statements of money owed, etc will total automatically by pressing one key.
- ☑ **Text input font is your choice:** easily and globally change your text input font throughout each form using simple "Styles".
- ☑ **Optional shaded input areas:** Optional shaded input areas for easier input and easier reading.
- ☑ **Professional-looking forms:** these new forms are better designed than original court forms under the Rules, with more space and bigger fonts; fewer pages.
- ☑ **Law Firm Database:** keeps lawyer, law firm and address information for immediate and/or future use over your network or locally.

IMPORTANT- Upgrade License Requirements: Each firm will need an upgrade license and *additional license upgrade(s)* totaling the number of DIVORCEmate Forms+ users in the firm. This number should be equal to the number of Word or WordPerfect license(s) your firm currently holds.

For example: if you have 1 lawyer and 1 support staff using DIVORCEmate Forms+, you will need an upgrade license and one "additional" user upgrade license.

Additional license upgrades: only 25% of original single user upgrade license fee.

Additional Information: Ship dates are our best estimate. A 10% SUPREME discount will apply, if applicable. Pricing is based on payment received prior to 6/30/01.

Future plans: Compatibility with Word XP, Windows XP, WordPerfect 10; possible Excel only versions of math forms; "Pay-as-you-play" software billed on a per use basis; A **Forms+ B.C. version** of the new "family law" court forms under Rule 51A (Fall 2001).

All NEW "Tools+ 2001" Released

Another piece of the puzzle has been completed. On March 1st 2001, as promised, DIVORCEmate Software Inc. released a redesigned and technologically updated **Tools+ 2001** version of their GUIDELINE Tools (The GUIDELINE Calculator, SOLmate, SUPPORTmate, VARYmate), PENSIONmate and LIFEmate software modules.

Tools+ 2001 does not run in a spreadsheet; it is a completely stand-alone, full 32-bit, software program. It is **lightning fast, more stable** in the latest Windows operating environment and uses less hard-disk space.

Tools+ 2001 modules have **extensive help available on screen** for each input area, plus there are informative

"Tool Tips" available just by hovering your mouse over an input area. We've also included important Federal Child Support Guideline wording, including the significant amendments made in November 2000.

The user interface (*what you see on the input screen*), has been completely redesigned into a **fresh, colourful "tabbed, checklist"** format. The tabs include: Start Page; Income; Tax Deductions; Children; Tax Credits; Special Expenses; Undue Hardship; Support & Cash Flow; and Other Tools.

In fact, for the majority of your calculations, you will only need to consider the basic input information on the Start Page!

The screenshot shows the 'Start Page' of the DIVORCEmate Tools+ 2001 software. The interface is organized into tabs: Start Page, Income, Tax Deductions, Children, Tax Credits, Special Expenses, Undue Hardship, Support & Cash Flow, and Other Tools. The 'Start Page' is active, displaying input fields for 'Custody type' (set to Sole), 'Party' (Father and Mother), and various financial inputs like 'Gross employment income', 'Spousal support received', and 'Child care expenses'. To the right, a 'Monthly Totals' table is visible, showing calculations for both Father and Mother, including 'Table Amount Pd', 'Special Expenses Pd', and 'Net Disp Inc (NDI)'. A message box at the bottom prompts the user to accept default party names or input a custom 8-letter name.

Monthly Totals	
Father	
Table Amount Pd	\$0
Special Expenses Pd	\$0
Table + Sp Exp Pd	\$0
SOL Income Ratio	0.000
Net Disp Inc (NDI)	\$17
NDI After Sp Exp Pd	\$17
Mother	
Table Amount Pd	\$0
Special Expenses Pd	\$0
Table + Sp Exp Pd	\$0
SOL Income Ratio	0.000
Net Disp Inc (NDI)	\$17
NDI After Sp Exp Pd	\$17

But not quite everything has changed... we've kept the **same familiar easy-to-understand printout format**. This means your clients, the Judges and other lawyers will immediately understand the hard copy, *even when viewing it for the first time!*

How about this new feature... **instant, on-screen monthly running totals!** As you input your client's information, all key totals are viewable and current; you immediately see the impact of any number change.

And much more: more deductions; more credits; updated 2001 income tax rates and limits; updated government social programs – Canada Child Tax Benefit, GST refunds; updated provincial "tax on income" methodology; built-in annual amount calculator; the ability to keep "notes" with your client's file; long file names; amendable labels in printouts; additional cash flow considerations; **calculations for parties in most provinces and/or different provinces**; calculations of net disposable income after payment of "gross" Special Expenses; on-line and printable user's guide....

Here is what the profession is saying about our software and specifically our new Tools+ 2001:

"I just installed Tools+ 2001 and ran a "test drive" – WOW! This is some great software..."

- Superior Court of Ontario, Family Court Justice

"Having just attempted to learn this new program on my own, I think it is quite wonderful!"

- family lawyer in Ottawa

A **New Brunswick** family lawyer attending a recent family law seminar heard a senior family court justice favourably mention our GUIDELINE software. In fact, she went on to say that our software was favoured over all of our competitors.

"...You have done a wonderful service to the profession and certainly to the judges in developing this program. The old program was great - the new one is incredible. The printouts will continue to be invaluable to us in dealing with support issues."

- Superior Court of Ontario, Family Court Justice

If you have not received your Tools+ 2001 update, please contact us immediately, as "outdated" software may produce results which are inaccurate and unsuitable.

"Childview" & "Supportworks" Competitive Upgrade Offer

We are pleased to offer the users of Childview and Supportworks the opportunity to try our new Tools+ 2001 software.

Once you experience the speed, ease-of-use, and intuitive, understandable printouts, you will never go back to your old software.

Either call us at 1-800-653-0925 x420 or download a **FREE**, time-limited, full working version of our Tools+ software including LIFEmate and PENSIONmate.

Once you decide to switch... we will offer you special pricing, and our **annual update fees are 40% less than Childview!**

DIVORCEmate Updates Website

Please visit our newly redesigned website at www.divorcemate.com. New website features include:

- descriptions of all of our software modules including (Ontario and B.C.) Forms and Forms+, (all provinces) Tools+ 2001 and KIDMATE features and benefits;
- downloadable, time-limited, full working trial version of our DIVORCEmate Tools+ 2001 software including The GUIDELINE Calculator, SUPPORTmate, SOLmate, VARYmate, PENSIONmate and/or LIFEmate modules. If you've ever wanted to try *before you buy*, here's your opportunity.
- Customer Service includes "Tips & Tricks" and "Knowledge Base". Both areas are a must for current users

of DIVORCEmate as they include: viewable and downloadable current User Guides (.PDF) and informative, topical family law information (.PDF);

- on-line product or training schedule and order form, including a map to our office;
- on-line payment by VISA of outstanding DIVORCEmate invoices;
- DIVORCEmate News & Views newsletters, last 4 issues, viewable and downloadable.
- "Simon Says..." and "Mark's Favourite Websites";



Please note that all **NEW** product announcements, product promotions and ordering information will be posted on our website.

B.C. Tools+ 2001 Training Planned for Vancouver and Victoria

A number of our B.C. bench and family bar customers have requested a Tools+ 2001 training seminar in **British Columbia**. We have arranged a training session in both Vancouver and Victoria.

In addition to an excellent Tools+ 2001 training course, you will learn how the Guidelines "really work" and you will see a preview of our new "Forms+".

Victoria	July 5 th	9:30 – 11:30
Victoria	July 5 th	2:00 – 4:00
Vancouver	July 10 th	9:30 – 11:30
Vancouver	July 10 th	2:00 – 4:00

Please register on our website www.divorcemate.com, under "What's New", Tools+ 2001 Training Schedule, or under "Order Information", Training Registration Form; or fax (416) 498-0059; or 1 800 653-0925 x446.

DIVORCEmate Tools+ 2001 Help Corner

Support & Cash Flow - child support monthly: to override the calculated monthly Guideline child support amount in a SUPPORTmate Maintenance Planner calculation, press the "Insert" key, click "OK" and amend the number.

NOTE: The SUPPORTmate Maintenance Planner child and spousal support “what if” numbers are input on this screen. To view the SUPPORTmate printout results for all scenarios, click the “SM” button on the top toolbar.

Undue Hardship, “Other Adjustments...” button, Appropriate amount of support: Press the Insert key (Ins) in order to consider government benefits and the inclusion of Special Expense considerations in a SOL hardship ratio calculation.

Start Page - Custody type: the setting of “sole”, “split” or “shared” does not alter the methodology of a Tools+ calculation. It is simply to let the parties viewing the printouts know what custody arrangements are being contemplated.

Did You Know That ...

- We'll be at the 10th Annual Institute of Family Law 2001 at the University of Ottawa on May 25th 2001. Please come by and see our new Forms+ for word processors!
- www.windrivers.com offers a variety of information for keeping your PC running smoothly.
- The Department of Justice is busy collecting information regarding custody and access. To see what all the fuss is about visit www.canada.justice.gc.ca/en/ps/cca and look at all the technical reports and other information.
- Canada Child Tax Benefit – Which parent is entitled to it? www.ccr-aadrc.gc.ca/benefits/shared_custody-e.html
- Call For Papers – Federation of Law Societies/CBA National Family Law Program in Kelowna, B.C., July 15-18th 2002. If interested, please, contact Heather Walker at h.walker.n.f.l.p.@sympatico.ca or (705) 374-4083.

SPECIAL OFFER **Upper Canada Document Co. Inc.**

Upper Canada Document Co. Inc. (UCDC) sells basic, word-processing based court forms for MS Word 97/2000 and Corel WordPerfect 8/9 formats. All UCDC forms work in native word-processing formats.. the forms are simple, versatile and value priced.

We have arranged for our DIVORCEmate users to take advantage of **special pricing** for the following UCDC software modules:

Estate Administration	\$99
Corporations, OBCA (Ontario)	\$99
Corporations, CBCA, (Canada)	\$99
Civil Litigation	\$99
Small Claims Court	\$75

If you have any questions about UCDC software, please contact our own Steve Clarke at (416) 718-3461 x552 or visit www.ucdocuments.com and place your order... remember to mention that you are a “DIVORCEmate customer”. This pricing valid to 6/30/2001.

Simon Says...

Q. When I use the Ontario Form 15, Change Information Form, sometimes I get the merge information and sometimes I don't, what gives?

A. You must click the appropriate “Payor” or “Recipient” checkbox in your Merge Information screen for the merge to work.

Q. I don't want to use the “default children's % of family budget”, I want to input each individual % for the children per line item. Can this be done?

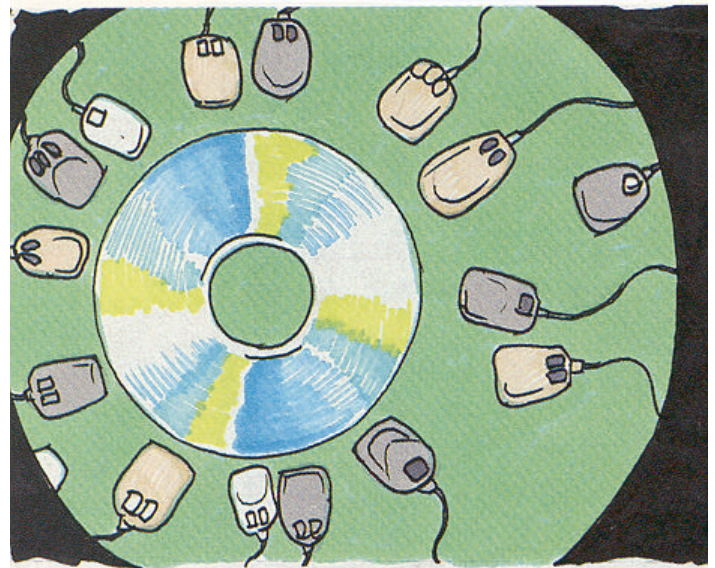
A. Yes, complete “number of children” only, next input the desired % for each line item under the column “% of Family Living Exp. Attributed to all Child(ren)”. Each line item will calculate individually.

Q. When I enter “debts and other liabilities” owned on the date of marriage in the 69N Net Family Property, should I input it as a “negative” number since it is a debt?

A. Of course. Verify by checking to see if the “Total 3.” is correct.

REMINDER: We Still Need Your E-mail Address

We need your e-mail address(s) sent to mharris@divorcemate.com. Please include contact, firm, and family lawyer's name(s).



What really happens when software is created

DIVORCEmate To Visit B.C. in July

If you would like to see our new Tools+ 2001, Form 89 and Form 4 with autocalc math, or a preview of our new Forms+ word-processing based forms, please contact me at mharris@divorcemate.com or at 1-800 653-0925 x440; I will be on **Vancouver Island** July 4th to 6th, and in the **Vancouver** area July 10th to 13th 2001. I look forward to showing you our new Tools+ 2001 and Forms+ software!