

**403.200 Maintenance -- Court may grant order for either spouse.**

- (1) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage or legal separation, or a proceeding for maintenance following dissolution of a marriage by a court which lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse, the court may grant a maintenance order for either spouse only if it finds that the spouse seeking maintenance:
  - (a) Lacks sufficient property, including marital property apportioned to him, to provide for his reasonable needs; and
  - (b) Is unable to support himself through appropriate employment or is the custodian of a child whose condition or circumstances make it appropriate that the custodian not be required to seek employment outside the home.
- (2) The maintenance order shall be in such amounts and for such periods of time as the court deems just, and after considering all relevant factors including:
  - (a) The financial resources of the party seeking maintenance, including marital property apportioned to him, and his ability to meet his needs independently, including the extent to which a provision for support of a child living with the party includes a sum for that party as custodian;
  - (b) The time necessary to acquire sufficient education or training to enable the party seeking maintenance to find appropriate employment;
  - (c) The standard of living established during the marriage;
  - (d) The duration of the marriage;
  - (e) The age, and the physical and emotional condition of the spouse seeking maintenance; and
  - (f) The ability of the spouse from whom maintenance is sought to meet his needs while meeting those of the spouse seeking maintenance.

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