

**252K.701 Definitions.**

In [this article](#):

1. “*Application*” means a request under the convention by an obligee or obligor, or on behalf of a child, made through a central authority for assistance from another central authority.

2. “*Central authority*” means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in [section 252K.102, subsection 5](#), paragraph “d”, to perform the functions specified in the convention.

3. “*Convention support order*” means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in [section 252K.102, subsection 5](#), paragraph “d”.

4. “*Direct request*” means a petition for support filed by an individual in a tribunal of this state in a proceeding involving an obligee, obligor, or a child residing outside the United States.

5. “*Foreign central authority*” means the entity designated by a foreign country described in [section 252K.102, subsection 5](#), paragraph “d”, to perform the functions specified in the convention.

6. “*Foreign support agreement*”:

a. Means an agreement for support in a record that:

(1) Is enforceable as a support order in the country of origin.

(2) Has been formally drawn up or registered as an authentic instrument by a foreign tribunal or authenticated by, or concluded, registered, or filed with a foreign tribunal.

(3) May be reviewed and modified by a foreign tribunal.

b. “*Foreign support agreement*” includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the convention.

7. “*United States central authority*” means the secretary of the United States department of health and human services.

[97 Acts, ch 175, §175](#); [2015 Acts, ch 110, §57](#)