

Spousal Maintenance Calculation Guideline		
Length of Marriage in Years	Percentage	Duration of Spousal Maintenance
0 to >5	0-16%	0 to 1 year (0-12 months)
5 to 10	12-29%	1 to 5 years (12 – 60 months)
10 to <15	16-33%	4 to 9 years (48 – 108 months)
15 to <20	20-37%	6 to 14 years (72 – 168 months)
20+	24-41%	9 to 20+ years (108 – 240+ months)

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	Payor (higher income)	Payee (lower income)
Name		
Gross Monthly Income	—	=
		Income Difference
Year of Separation	—	=
	Year of Marriage	Length of Marriage
Difference in Income	X	=
	Percentage from chart above (type as .xx)	Estimated Monthly Amount

Duration depends on length of marriage in chart above.

Please note that the Court has final determination regarding whether or not spousal maintenance will be awarded. Each case is different and fact determinative.

Other factors the Court considers are:

15 V.S.A. § 752

(b) The maintenance order shall be in such amounts and for such periods of time as the court deems just, after considering all relevant factors, including:

(1) the financial resources of the party seeking maintenance, the property apportioned to the party, the party's ability to meet his or her needs independently, and the extent to which a provision for support of a child living with the party contains a sum for that party as custodian;

(2) the time and expense necessary to acquire sufficient education or training to enable the party seeking maintenance to find appropriate employment;

(3) the standard of living established during the civil marriage;

(4) the duration of the civil marriage;

(5) the age and the physical and emotional condition of each spouse;

(6) the ability of the spouse from whom maintenance is sought to meet his or her reasonable needs while meeting those of the spouse seeking maintenance;

(7) inflation with relation to the cost of living;

(8) the impact of both parties reaching the age of eligibility to receive full retirement benefits under Title II of the federal Social Security Act or the parties' actual retirement, including any expected discrepancies in federal Social Security Retirement benefits...