



CHAPTER 50
ARTICLE 3 - FAMILY LAW ARBITRATION ACT

N.C.G.S. § 50-56.

Modification of award for alimony,
postseparation support, child support, or
child custody based on substantial change
of circumstances.

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- § 50-56(a)

A court or the arbitrators may modify an award for postseparation support, alimony, child support, or child custody under conditions stated in G.S. 50-13.7 and G.S. 50-16.9 as provided in subsections (b) through (f) of this section.
- § 50-56(b)

Unless the parties have agreed in writing that an award for postseparation support or alimony shall be nonmodifiable, an award by arbitrators for postseparation support or alimony under G.S. 50-16.2A, 50-16.3A, 50-16.4, or 50-16.7 may be modified if a court order for alimony or postseparation support could be modified under G.S. 50-16.9.
- § 50-56(c)

An award by arbitrators for child support or child custody may be modified if a court order for child support or child custody could be modified under G.S. 50-13.7.
- § 50-56(d)

If an award for modifiable postseparation support or alimony, or an award for child support or child custody, has not been confirmed under G.S. 50-53, upon the parties' written agreement these matters may be submitted to arbitrators chosen by the parties under G.S. 50-45. G.S. 50-52 through G.S. 50-56 shall apply to this modified award.
- § 50-56(e)

If an award for modifiable postseparation support or alimony, or an award for child support or child custody has been confirmed pursuant to G.S. 50-53, upon the

parties' agreement in writing and joint motion, the court may remit these matters to arbitrators chosen by the parties as provided in G.S. 50-45, in which case G.S. 50-52 through G.S. 50-56 apply to this modified award.

§ 50-56(f)

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of G.S. 50-55 apply to modifications or corrections of awards for postseparation support, alimony, child support, or child custody. (1999-185, s. 1; 2005-187, s. 14.)

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8 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 50-13.7	(a)	"child custody under conditions stated in"
G.S. 50-16.9	(a)	"conditions stated in G.S. 50-13.7 and"
G.S. 50-16.2A	(b)	"for postseparation support or alimony under"
G.S. 50-53	(d)	"custody, has not been confirmed under"
G.S. 50-45	(d)	"arbitrators chosen by the parties under"
G.S. 50-52	(d)	"by the parties under G.S. 50-45."
G.S. 50-56	(d)	"under G.S. 50-45. G.S. 50-52 through"
G.S. 50-55	(f)	"in this section, the provisions of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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