

Table 1.109: Availability of Advanced Maintenance Programs in Select Countries*

Country	Has "Advanced" Maintenance Scheme
Australia	No ¹
Austria	Yes
Belgium	Yes
Denmark	Yes
Finland	Yes
France	Yes ²
Germany	Yes
Netherlands	No
Norway	Yes
Sweden	Yes
United Kingdom.	No
United States	No

Source: A. Corden, *Making Child Maintenance Regimes Work* (London: Family Policy Studies Centre, 1999), Table 2.3, p. 16.

^aThe statsameter (Denmark) and fylkesmann (Norway) are local offices of national and civil law. The Jugendämter (Germany) are local youth authorities.

¹parental allowance for lone parents

²rarely used

* Advanced Maintenance also known as Child Support Assurance generally refers to guaranteed minimum child support paid by a government agency when a non-custodial parent fails to pay financial support for his/her child, pays it irregularly, or at an inadequate level. The agency then attempts to collect from the absent parent the amount advanced.