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Rhode Island Statutes

Title 15. Domestic Relations

Chapter 15-8. Uniform Law on Paternity

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- (a) In addition to any other basis for entry of default and default judgment provided in the rules of procedure for domestic relations, the family court shall enter the defendant's default and a judgment by default in a paternity action under this chapter upon the following conditions:
- (1) Failure to respond to the paternity complaint within twenty (20) days, upon proof presented that the defendant has been duly served the complaint;
 - (2) Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or trial after being duly notified of the hearing or trial, upon proof presented that the defendant has been duly served with notice of the scheduled hearing or trial; or
 - (3) Failure to appear or refusal to attend blood testing upon proof presented that the defendant has been duly notified of the date, time, and place of the testing.
- (b) The court may set aside an entry of default and, if judgment by default has been entered, may likewise set it aside, in accordance with the rules of procedure for domestic relations.

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