



Family Mediation Council
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FEES FOR MEDIATION INFORMATION & ASSESSMENT MEETINGS (MIAMS)

The Pre-Application Protocol makes it clear that mediation providers may charge for carrying out MIAMS, subject to the caveat immediately below regarding clients who qualify for public funding.

If one or both clients qualify then providers who hold existing contracts with the LSC will be paid by the LSC as usual.

Providers who do not hold LSC contracts still have a duty to assess clients for eligibility for public funding, but may wish then to refer eligible parties to the nearest mediation service which does hold a contract, rather than embark further on a MIAM for which they may not be able to charge or can only partially charge (where only one client is eligible for public funding).

Providers must not charge those parties who are eligible for public funding unless those parties have made it clear that they do not wish to seek public funding, in which case the parties will be responsible for meeting any charge agreed with and made by the mediation provider in accordance with that agreement.

It is a commercial decision for mediation providers as to what charges to make, but those who are unsure may find the current rates paid to LSC contract holders for meetings with publicly funded clients a useful yardstick.

These are:

Joint meeting with both clients present - £130 + VAT
Sole meeting with clients attending separately - £87 + VAT

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