



Agreed Minimum Requirements for Mediators Carrying Out Information and Assessment Meetings

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I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PRACTISING MEDIATORS

ALL mediators must:

- Have successfully completed an FMC recognised foundation training course **and**
- Be a member of an FMC Member Organisation **and**
- Meet requirements for professional practice supervision **and**
- Meet CPD requirements **and**
- Carry professional indemnity insurance **and**
- Be currently in practice as a mediator.

AND IN ADDITION fulfil the requirements in **ONE** of the four categories below:

A. Have gained FMC, or under its predecessor, LSC competence assessment recognition or practitioner membership of the Law Society Family Mediation Panel

OR

B. Have gained accreditation of their Member Organisation and

Have written certification from their PPC that they are familiar with assessing for eligibility for public funding.

OR

C. For mediators working towards either accreditation or LSC recognition

- i. Have the written support of their PPC, to be given in accordance with FMC guidelines to PPCs; and
- ii. Have attended an FMC approved one day training course on mediation information and assessment meetings provided by an FMC Member Organisation.

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II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-PRACTISING MEDIATORS RETURNING TO PRACTICE

Mediators who have not carried out any mediations including actual mediation sessions within the last 5 years must

- i. Have attended an approved refresher course offered by an FMC Member Organisation; **and**
- ii. Be a member of an FMC Member Organisation; **and**
- iii. Have attended a one day training course on assessment meetings provided by an FMC Member Organisation; **and**
- iv. Have the written support of their PPC to be given in accordance with FMC Guidelines for PPCs; **and**
- v. Have a training plan agreed with their PPCs; **and**
- vi. Carry professional indemnity insurance.

NB: These arrangements are transitional and will be reviewed within 12 months of implementation.