

Mediator working towards accreditation - Return to Practice Procedure

This procedure applies to family mediators working towards accreditation who have previously carried out family mediation foundation training within the last five years, have not been practising, are not registered with the FMC for the current year, and are seeking confirmation from the FMSB of the further action that may be required prior to taking up practice again as a family mediator and being entered on to the register.



1. Any mediator who was previously working towards accreditation and is seeking to be registered upon return to practice needs to:
 - join an FMC Member Organisation and engage a Professional Practice Consultant (PPC)
 - put together an action plan, endorsed by his or her PPC, setting out proposed action with regards supervision, continuing professional development and mediation practice, that will bring the mediator to the required level of competence to practise at a proficient level.
 - fill in a standard questionnaire to submit to the FMSB with the action plan via e-mail to fmsb@familymediationcouncil.org.uk with 'Mediator Working Towards Accreditation – Return to practice' in the subject line.
2. The application will be considered by the FMSB (which may delegate this to a panel) which will approve or amend the action plan. The FMSB aims to respond to applications within 10 weeks of submission.
3. Once the mediator has completed the action plan, evidence of this should be returned to the FMSB. If the FMSB is satisfied that the required steps have been taken, the mediator may apply to be registered as a mediator working towards accreditation, by completing the standard registration form and paying the annual fee for mediators working towards accreditation.