



# FDRMediation

## FDRM Pro Bono Family Mediation Program

The FDRM Pro Bono service is our way of helping to reduce family conflict by making it easy for low income earners to access fee family mediation services. Pro Bono means that the family dispute resolution practitioners do not get paid.

Low cost does not mean low quality. We do not cut any corners and the service includes: safety and suitability screening, pre-mediation intakes, and co-mediated sessions.

The service is provided by zoom video conferencing to keep costs down. All you need is a Smart phone, Tablet or Computer that has a web cam and audio such as a laptop (data usage applies). Room hire fees would apply if you really must meet in person (subject to mediator availability).

## How we can help

### **Parenting Mediation**

Co-parenting after separation is hard. Negotiating a Parenting Agreement in mediation can make it a lot easier for you, your child's other parent and especially the kids. If you are finding that your family has outgrown your current orders or parenting plan you can use parenting mediation to negotiate a new Parenting Plan that works for everyone. In mediation, you can discuss and make agreements on almost anything that relates to providing the care and support your child needs from you both including parenting decisions, ongoing living arrangements, child related finances, religion, education, health care, emotional well-being of the child, and how to deal with issues if your child is acting out or under stress due to your separation.

## Property Mediation

You have two years following your separation to sort out finances if you were not married and one year after your divorce if you were married. The mediator can help you to work out what to do about houses, cars, superannuation and any other assets or debts that you have. They will help you to identify the “asset pool”, work out how you are going to value everything, consider your options and hopefully reach an agreement. They will document the agreement reached and advise you if you will require Consent Orders in order to make the agreement enforceable.

## What is Included

### Pro Bono Mediation services include;

- Up to 90-minute individual pre-mediation intake session per person (including safety and suitability screening)
- A morning or afternoon joint mediation session (video shuttle mediation is available if necessary)
- \$75.00 administration fee applies to each eligible party.

*Note: Evening sessions can be arranged, subject to mediator availability.*

### Optional

- Additional mediation sessions can be arranged if necessary
- \$75.00 administration fee applies for each additional mediation session, per eligible party.

## Section 60i Certificates

Your mediator will be an accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP) and if mediation is not suitable or successful will issue a Section 60i Certificate. You will require a section 60i certificate to initiate Family Court action.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for the pro bono service, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or a DVA Gold card. If you are not eligible for the pro bono service, then our standard fees apply at \$220.00 per hour. Mediations can be mixed pro bono and fee paying, and all fees are paid in advance.

## Why Video Conferencing?



Video Conferencing is safer because you do not have to travel to the same location as the other person, more convenient with no wasted traveling time and parking issues and is suitable even if you live far apart.

FDRM delivers the Pro Bono service via video conferencing only to help keep administration costs down.

## Why a co-mediation service?



We like to use a co-mediation model because it allows us to provide a male and female mediator to keep the room gender neutral and less intimidating. It also makes facilitation easier and bring more experience into the room allowing for a smoother mediation and we hope better results.

## For more information

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