

**FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICES LTD**  
**Client Fees**  
**(with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024)**

If you are (whether directly or indirectly) properly in receipt of Income Support, Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance, Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Guarantee Credit (under section 1(3)(a) of the State Pension Credit Act 2002, you will be eligible for Publicly Funded Mediation (or Legal Aid) but you must bring proof of this and any other state benefit that you receive before you attend an assessment meeting. Your Mediator will assess your eligibility when you come for your appointment but you can check your eligibility for legal aid at <https://www.gov.uk/check-legal-aid> or go to <http://civil-eligibility-calculator.justice.gov.uk/> for a more detailed assessment. If you are not eligible for legal aid, then the mediation fees below apply and each person is responsible only for their own fees.

**MEDIATION INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT/PLANNING MEETING (MIAM) up to 60 minutes**

Attendance of assessment/planning meeting (MIAM) **£85** per person

**PROPERTY, FINANCE AND/OR CHILD ISSUES MEDIATION**

<u>Your gross annual Income</u>	<u>Mediation charge per person per session</u>
Under £30,000	£105
£30,000 to £45,000	£130
£45,000 to £65,000	£145
Over £65,000	£165

<u>Your gross annual Income</u>	<u>Fixed fee mediation charge per person (non-refundable)</u>
Under £30,000	£275 fixed fee for 3 sessions of Mediation
£30,000 to £45,000	£330 fixed fee for 3 sessions of Mediation
£45,000 to £65,000	£395 fixed fee for 3 sessions of Mediation
Over £65,000	£465 fixed fee for 3 sessions of Mediation

<u>Your Capital:</u>	Fees increase up the scale by one point per £500,000 of equity owned
Updated date on MIAM form only	£45

You may be asked to provide evidence of your income namely bank account statements, business accounts and company accounts. Failure to do so upon request will result in you being charged the top rate of £165 per session.

*Please note that FMS Ltd provide a 'Memorandum of Understanding' and an Open Financial Statement/Outcome Summary (where appropriate) which details the agreement reached between the parties. This is provided at a charge equivalent to the sessional fee namely £95, £130, £145 or £165 per person.*

Joint meeting discussion type	Approx. number of 60–90-minute sessions
Child only (including child costs/maintenance)	2-3 sessions
Child only with Child Inclusive Mediation (CIM)	5-6 sessions
Finance and property only discussions (voucher unavailable)	4-5 sessions
All issues i.e. child issues plus finance and property	5-6 sessions
All Issues plus Child Inclusive Mediation (CIM)	6-7 sessions
Unless mediation ends, the meeting lasts a minimum of 60 minutes and a maximum of 90 minutes. The additional 30 minutes is added to allow for lateness and/or technical problems.	

There is an additional charge of £100 per hour, or part thereof (minimum 2 hours), should you opt for your mediation to take place at our Head Office or at another location. A sessional rate is payable by each party for the child inclusive mediation session.

**All mediation fees are inclusive of VAT and payment can be made by payment link, cash or advanced bank transfer payment to: Family Mediation Services Ltd, HSBC Bank Sort code 40-01-13 Account no. 8243 3109.**

**Notes:**

1. Where one party is publicly funded by legal aid, and you require more than 3 sessions, then you will be required to pay for your 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent session even if that session has already taken place.
2. Where you have been awarded the government voucher, it will be shared between you equally. You will be entitled to approximately two free sessions of mediation where your sessional rate is assessed at £130 per session or below.