

Family Mediation Voucher Scheme

What is a Family Mediation Voucher Scheme?



We support parties who may be able to resolve their family law disputes outside of the court.

This was set-up in response to Covid-19, encouraging more people to consider mediation to resolve their disputes, where appropriate.

To support this a contribution of up to £500 towards the costs of mediation will be provided.

Only mediators whom are authorised by the Family Mediation Council are taking part in the voucher scheme.

How do I apply for a Mediation Voucher?

In your consultation with us we will discuss the voucher scheme to see if you are eligible.

You will be offered a 'voucher' contribution, subject to suitability, case type and availability of vouchers

Can the Mediation Voucher be used to pay for a MIAM?

No, the use of the mediation voucher is restricted to assisting with funding your mediation sessions only.

Unless you are eligible for legal aid you will have to pay for your MIAM first.

Will the voucher cover all my costs?

This will depend on how many mediation sessions are required taking into consideration the price of mediation sessions. You may need to contribute to the overall cost of your sessions.

What is a MIAM Meeting?

Mediation Information & Assessment Meeting or MIAM is an opportunity to tell the mediator about your situation, and the issues that need to be decided.

Eligibility for Mediation Voucher

On attendance of a MIAM, one of our trained mediators will assess the issues which you seek to resolve to see if they are suitable for mediation and meet the eligibility requirements for the voucher scheme.

Not all cases are eligible under the scheme. The case types specified below are eligible for a mediation voucher:

- A dispute/application regarding a child
- A dispute/application regarding family financial matters where you are also involved in a dispute/application relating to a child

It is important to remember that mediation is only an option when both people agree to take part in it, so you and the other person will need to agree to mediate.

How will I receive the voucher and how many do I get?

If you decide to proceed with mediation, and are eligible for the voucher, your mediator will apply for the voucher funding and it will be

paid directly to them once all mediation sessions are concluded. You will not receive a physical voucher and you will not need to make an application for it.

Vouchers are limited to one per family and one of our mediators will let you know if there are vouchers available.

What do I have to do to take part in the scheme?

- Asked the mediator to apply for the voucher
- Not already applied for another voucher as part of the same scheme
- Given consent to your mediator providing your necessary information to the Family Mediation Council. This includes your name, the bill for mediation services you receive from the mediator and some basic information about your case.

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