

## **CHARGES FOR MEDIATION AND COUNSELLING AT MID**

All prices are inclusive of VAT @ 17.5%

Publicly Funded (free) mediation is available. Please refer to the other side of this page for details.

**FIRST APPOINTMENT (INTAKE)** If either party qualifies for *free mediation*, the Intake is free for both parties.

Intake – One party only	1 hour	£46 per person
Joint Intake – Both parties	1.5 hours	£46 per person
Intake and first mediation	2 hours	£82 per person*

### **MEDIATION SESSIONS**

<b>Gross annual income</b>		<b>Payment made by client</b>
Below £30,000	1.5 hours	£67 per person, per session
£30,000 - £40,000	1.5 hours	£102 per person, per session
£40,000 - £60,000	1.5 hours	£123 per person, per session
Above £60,000	1.5 hours	£149 per person, per session

### **SUMMARIES**

Open Financial Statement (OFS)	£51 per couple
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	£72 per couple

### **POSSIBLE OVERALL COST OF MEDIATION (Cost is per Client)**

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The number of sessions needed will vary and the mediator will discuss a plan with you at the Intake session. Typically, 'All Issues' Mediation averages 5 sessions and the cost is:-

<b>For those with Gross income</b>	<b>Below £30,000</b>	<b>£30,000- £40,000</b>	<b>£40,000- £60,000</b>	<b>Above £60,000</b>
<b>Mediation</b>	£335	£510	£615	£745
<b>Intake Fee</b>	£46	£46	£46	£46
<b>OFS/MOU fees</b>	£62	£62	£62	£62
<b>Total Per Client</b>	<b>£443</b>	<b>£618</b>	<b>£723</b>	<b>£853</b>

**Appointments changed/cancelled with less than 3 working days notice will be charged a flat fee of £67.**

Charges for mediation are payable in advance by cash, cheque (made payable to MiD Mediation and Counselling Ltd) or debit/credit card.

\*Some couples may decide to have their Intake and first mediation session on the same day. The mediator will discuss this option and whether it is right for you. If your partner qualifies for free mediation and you do NOT, Intake with first mediation is charged at £36.

\*\* Donations from parents are always much needed and greatly appreciated.

## **Publicly Funded (Free) Mediation**

### **How do I know if I am eligible for Publicly Funded Mediation?**

At your first appointment (Intake), a mediator can assess you for Publicly Funded Mediation. An assessment will show whether or not your income and capital are below limits set by the Legal Services Commission (LSC). When you bring the **Required Information (see next paragraph)**, the mediator can assess you. If you are eligible for Publicly Funded Mediation, the Intake is free for you and your former partner (irrelevant of whether or not s/he is eligible) – and all subsequent mediation sessions are free to you.

### **What is the Required Information I need to bring to assess me for Publicly Funded Mediation?**

**You must bring the following required information to your Intake in order to be assessed:**

- **current payslip or evidence of drawings (if self-employed)**
- **proof of any benefits you receive – including Child Benefit and Income Support**
- **Child and/or Working Tax Credit (the entire award letter)**

### **My solicitor referred me to mediation, do I have to pay?**

If you have been told by a solicitor that you must visit a mediator before applying for Public Funding your first appointment (Intake) will be free of charge for you **and** your former partner. You will have to pay for subsequent mediation sessions unless you qualify for Publicly Funded Mediation. If you want to be assessed you will need to bring the **Required Information (see paragraph above)**.

An assessment will show whether or not your income and capital are below limits set by the Legal Services Commission (LSC). If you are eligible for Publicly Funded Mediation, all subsequent mediation sessions are free to you.

### **I'd like to consult with a solicitor during mediation, but can't afford it?**

If you are entitled to Publicly Funded Mediation you can also get free independent legal help and advice from a solicitor who can advise you during the mediation process. You must use a solicitor with an LSC franchise. We can give you a list of these LSC solicitors. If you are entitled to free legal help with mediation you will not have to repay any of the costs of legal help with mediation.

### **Comparing Mediation Costs To Litigation Costs In Publicly Funded Cases**

Some people decide not to use mediation. The LSC requires us to tell you that the average total cost per person of dealing with a dispute through litigation, on a Publicly Funded basis, is between £500 and £5,000 for a case involving children's issues only and between £2,000 and £10,000 for a case involving all issues.

Public Funding for mediation is not subject to the Statutory Charge, ie it does not need to be repaid.