Avoid the conflict and cost of the family law courts.... resolve your property settlement with mediation.

The role of the mediator is to:

- facilitate a useful discussion,
- ensure the process is fair and safe,
- assist people with shared decision-making,
- act fairly and independently.

Our mediators are skilled practitioners with qualifications in Family Dispute Resolution.

Our mediators do not provide legal advice and always encourage people to obtain independent legal advice.

Relationships Australia Tasmania acknowledges the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. Negotiating after separation can bring relief and independence.

Contact us now to hear how mediation can help.

How to contact us:

1300 364 277

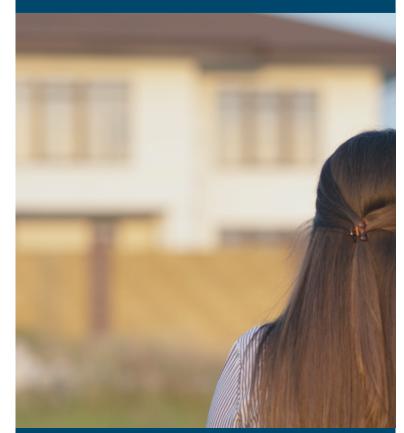
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Financial and Property Mediation

Mediation can help you reach a fair settlement of your property and finances, including debt following separation.

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What are the benefits of mediation?

Mediation encourages cooperation. The advantages include:

- an opportunity to reach an agreement,
- an opportunity to tell your side of the story,
- a way to separate your finances quickly,
- a service that is private and confidential,
- a service that minimises legal costs and can avoid the court process.

Mediation brings people together with the goal of resolving the issues that are in dispute. It encourages people to speak freely and be understood.

Mediation is a voluntary process and it may not be appropriate for everyone, or every situation.



What happens in mediation?

Mediation sessions usually run for two hours.

While the process is tailored to each dispute, the following steps describe a typical property mediation.

Step 1	Identify what is included in the property or asset pool and what debt is also included.
Step 2	Discuss each persons contributions and future needs.
Step 3	Negotiate a division of the assets and debts.
Step 4	Summarise the agreement in writing

How much does it cost?

We are a not-for-profit organisation and our fees are subsidised by the Australian Government.

Each person pays for themselves. Fees are based on your ability to pay.

Please contact us on **1300 364 277** if you would like more information about fees.

Mediation is an environment where people can speak freely and be understood.

How do I organise mediation?

The first step is to contact our service to arrange a confidential individual appointment. This initial appointment usually takes about one hour.

At that meeting the mediator will explain the process, assess suitability for mediation and answer any questions. With your consent we can invite the other person to participate in the process.

Can it be legally binding?

Your mediator can provide you with information about how to have your agreement made legally binding. This is separate to the mediation process and would include legal support.

Online learning

Try our free online learning modules by using the QR code below.

- Co-Parenting Communication Essentials
- Family & Relationship Services Quick Tips

