

# Mediation Information Session

For Minor Civil Claims

## WHO:

Mediation is held by **qualified, independent and neutral** mediators.

## WHAT:

Mediation **helps** parties to settle their disputes before matters go to court: it will help the parties look at what issues have caused the disagreements, each other's concerns and how to compromise. Any discussion and agreement is *strictly confidential*.

## WHY:

Parties have **more control** over the outcome: parties themselves decide the outcome

## HOW:

You may find yourself at mediation because of either a court order, or a referral at the consent of both parties.



*'Mediation is always worth a try. It can save time, money and energy, and often gets better results.'*



## Where to from here?

### Pro Bono Mediation:

- Both parties agree
- Free when a Form 1A (Final Notice of Claim) is served, before legal proceedings (Form 3) are commenced.
- The only cost is \$20.60 to obtain the Form 1A
- Mediation SA can be contacted on (08) 8350 0376

### Mediation Unit:

- Court ordered
- Discretionary costs
- Free if the claim is under \$6,000
- Also free if parties deemed to be impecunious by the Manager of Mediation
- Contact the Manager of Mediation on (08) 8204 2442

### Mediation Panel:

- Court ordered
- At a cost, either \$500 (claims under \$25,000) or 2% of the amount claimed (between \$25,000 and \$100,000)
- Parties share cost unless ordered otherwise
- Parties choose from Panel, otherwise Registrar will appoint one

### Mediation Information Service:

- Free
- Informs parties of alternative options to court and contact details of mediation services
- Magistrates often refer parties in directions hearings, resulting in an instant mediation
- If so, both parties must agree

### If you need legal advice you can contact:

The Legal Services Commission: [www.lsc.sa.gov.au](http://www.lsc.sa.gov.au)

The Adelaide Legal Outreach Service: [www.law.adelaide.edu.au/alos](http://www.law.adelaide.edu.au/alos)

Magistrates Court Legal Advice Service: [www.law.adelaide.edu.au/free-legal-clinics/magistrates-court-legal-advice](http://www.law.adelaide.edu.au/free-legal-clinics/magistrates-court-legal-advice)





Do you need help resolving a dispute?  
Could an independent third party help?

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Avoid stressful court proceedings

Have your story heard

Put yourself in control

Reach a compromise

Get better results

Get assistance from a neutral third party

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## Find out more

Information Sessions:  
Adelaide Magistrates Court  
Mondays 10-11am

Court Mediation Service:  
Contact details  
Ph: (08) 8204 2444

Email: [mediation@courts.sa.gov.au](mailto:mediation@courts.sa.gov.au)  
[www.facebook.com/MCLASadelaide](http://www.facebook.com/MCLASadelaide)

Magistrates Court  
Legal Advice  
Service:  
MCLAS is a free  
service run by the  
Adelaide Law School:  
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