

Frequently Asked Questions

What is The Family Mediation Voucher Scheme?

The family mediation voucher scheme is a time-limited scheme, designed to support parties who may be able to resolve their family law disputes outside of court. The Government has set up the scheme in response to Covid-19 to support recovery in the family court and to encourage more people to consider mediation as a means of resolving their disputes, where appropriate. To support this, a financial contribution of up to £500 towards the costs of mediation will be provided, if eligible.

Only mediators authorised by the Family Mediation Council (FMC) can take part in the voucher scheme.

How do I apply for a Mediation Voucher?

At your Mediation Information Assessment Meeting (MIAM), the mediator will discuss the voucher scheme with you if your case might be eligible. You will be offered a 'voucher' contribution, subject to suitability, case type and availability of the vouchers.

Do I have to pay for a MIAM before I attend mediation?

If you or the other parent/person are eligible for legal aid you both will qualify for a free MIAM (with mediators that carry out legal aid work).

If neither of you are eligible for legal aid, you will have to pay for the MIAM. This is £104.40 per person including vat.

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

No, the use of the mediation voucher is restricted to assisting with funding of mediation sessions only. You will have to pay for your MIAM first unless you are eligible for legal aid.