

## Family Dispute Resolution Practice: Completion

Students are required to make applications for accreditation as FDRPs directly to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. Please note that as part of the application to the Attorney-General's Department, students need to demonstrate that they meet other requirements. Below is the checklist outlining what students may need to demonstrate before applying for accreditation with the Attorney-General's Department:

- Evidence of successful completion of The College's Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution Practice or Master of Laws (Applied Law) with a major in Family Dispute Resolution Practice. Both of these awards cover the six compulsory units of competency, and
- Evidence of an appropriate qualification (please note that this is different to the completion of the College's Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution Practice or Master of Laws (Applied Law) with a major in Family Dispute Resolution Practice). Appropriate qualification means:
  - a higher education award in law, psychology, social work, conflict management, mediation or dispute resolution
  - a higher education award in a field or discipline that, in the opinion of the Secretary, is relevant to the provision of family dispute resolution services, or
  - a vocational graduate diploma (however described) in a field or discipline that, in the opinion of the Secretary, is relevant to the provision of family dispute resolution services.

In the event that the student does not hold an appropriate qualification, this criteria can be met by having current accreditation under the National Mediation Accreditation System.

- Evidence of having access to a suitable complaints mechanism that can be used by your clients (ie membership of a body determined by the Attorney-General's Department as being suitable for FDR services or evidence of employment with an organisation funded by the government to provide FDR services).
- Evidence of having a national police check (not older than 4 months).
- Not being prohibited under a law of a state or territory from working with children and meeting the "Working with Children" requirements in the state or territory that you provide services, if applicable:
  - If applicants are required to obtain a Working With Children check in accordance with the appropriate State/Territory legislation then a copy of a valid Working With Children check card or assessment notice must be provided with an application for accreditation.
  - If applicants are not required to obtain a Working With Children check in accordance with their State/Territory laws, they need to state this (in writing) on the application form or by email to the Unit.
- A personal declaration of being suitable to perform the function and duties of an FDR practitioner.
- Evidence of being covered by professional indemnity insurance (unless applying for Conditional accreditation).

## What you need to do to apply for accreditation

- Fill out the application for accreditation as a family dispute resolution practitioner available on the Attorney-General's Department website (link provided under "Applying to become a registered FDRP"). Please ensure you sign and date Section H of the application form and complete the Declaration at the end of the form.
- Attach evidence of you meeting the requirements, as outlined above.
- If your documents are in different names, you will need to provide official evidence of the name change.