Lawyer-assisted Family Law Property Mediation Trial Checklist



This checklist must be completed by the Applicant's Solicitor and emailed to the Grants Officer at grants.officer@legalaid.tas.gov.au at the time of submitting an application in e-Lodge.

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Is the dispute about a superannuation split?
Are the net assets of your client's relationship (excluding superannuation) less than \$500,000?
Is there a negative asset pool (i.e. is the dispute about debts)?

Income

☐ Is your client in receipt of a payment listed in Table A?

Table A: Eligible Income Support Payments			
Abstudy	Partner Allowance		
Age Pension (incl. DVA Age Pensions)	Service Pension		
Austudy	Sickness Allowance		
Carer Payment	Special Benefit		
Disability Support Pension	Widow Allowance		
DVA service pension and income support supplement	Wife Pension		
Newstart Allowance	Youth Allowance		
Parenting Payment			

☐ If your client does not receive a payment listed in Table A, is their gross income below the 'Eligible Weekly Income Limit' listed in Table B?

Table B: Eligible weekly income limit		
Household type	Eligible weekly income limit (Gross)	
0 Dependents	\$1,375	
1 Dependent	\$1,500	
2 Dependents	\$1,625	
3 Dependents	\$1,750	
4 Dependents	\$1,900	
5 + Dependents	\$2,050	

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Merit – Conference Phase
☐ Is the Mediation Trial likely to resolve the dispute?
☐ Is your client committed to the early resolution of the dispute?
Parenting dispute
☐ Does your client have a current parenting dispute?
If yes:
Does your client have a grant of legal aid for their parenting dispute?
Eligibility
☐ Is your client a party to proceedings under Part VIII of the Family Law Act?
If yes:
Does your client have a grant of aid for a parenting dispute?
Is your client, or the other party, a party to a:
□ Business
☐ Partnership ☐ Company
☐ Non-individual entity, and if yes, what?
☐ Active discretionary or unit trust with assets
Are more than 20% of the assets (excluding bank accounts and shares) located outside Tasmania?
☐ Is there any property (excluding bank accounts and shares) located outside Australia?
 Does either party have a self-managed super fund? Does the dispute involve any livestock, crops, mining, fishing or other
farming/mining/commercial fishing assets?
☐ Does your client, or the other party, have more than two years of outstanding tax returns, or are there outstanding tax returns relating to a non-individual entity?
lacktriangledown If any of the eligibility criteria in the Guidelines are not satisfied, is your client claiming that
exceptional circumstances exist? If yes, please outline those exceptional circumstances: