

Schedule 3 to Practice Direction 2 of 2021

Directions for Court Ordered Meeting

1. A court ordered meeting pursuant to Section 432 of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* is to be held in this matter.
2. A person:
 - a. from the list of approved Family Dispute Resolution mediators (as published on the ACT Courts website from time to time); and
 - b. nominated by the Manager, Legal Aid, Dispute Resolution Program (the Manager)

is appointed to preside at the court ordered meeting.

3. The parties are to attend a court ordered meeting to be held at a time and place arranged by the Manager.
4. The parties are to do all things necessary to facilitate the court ordered meeting, as directed by the Manager.
5. The Registrar is to provide the Manager with copies of all documents filed in the proceedings, at least 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.
6. If the parties do not attend the court ordered meeting, the Manager is to advise the Childrens Court within 24 hours of non-compliance.
7. The parties are to approach the court ordered meeting in good faith. If resolution of all issues in dispute cannot be reached, the parties, with the assistance of the person appointed to preside, must aim to record those issues on which agreement is reached and those upon which agreement cannot be reached.
8. The Manager is to provide an outcome report to the Childrens Court within 7 days of completion of the court ordered meeting. The Registry is to provide a copy of the report to each of the parties upon receipt.
9. The Director-General is to approach the Registry within 7 days of the completion of the court ordered meeting with a date suitable to all parties for the matter to be relisted, either to finalise any Orders as agreed between the parties or to set directions for progress of the matter.

10. The Director-General is to file in Court within 7 days of the court ordered meeting:

- a. Terms of Agreement to finalise the matter; or
- b. An agreed statement of facts and issues in dispute.

If there is no agreement, each party is to file a separate statement of facts and issues which they contend are in dispute.

11. The Childrens Court registry is to forward a copy of these directions to the Manager within three days of the making of the Order.