



Children and Families Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 6

PART 2

FAMILY JUSTICE

10 Family mediation information and assessment meetings

- (1) Before making a relevant family application, a person must attend a family mediation information and assessment meeting.
- (2) Family Procedure Rules—
 - (a) may provide for subsection (1) not to apply in circumstances specified in the Rules,
 - (b) may make provision about convening a family mediation information and assessment meeting, or about the conduct of such a meeting,
 - (c) may make provision for the court not to issue, or otherwise deal with, an application if, in contravention of subsection (1), the applicant has not attended a family mediation information and assessment meeting, and
 - (d) may provide for a determination as to whether an applicant has contravened subsection (1) to be made after considering only evidence of a description specified in the Rules.
- (3) In this section—
 - “the court” means the High Court or the family court;
 - “family mediation information and assessment meeting”, in relation to a relevant family application, means a meeting held for the purpose of enabling information to be provided about—
 - (a) mediation of disputes of the kinds to which relevant family applications relate,
 - (b) ways in which disputes of those kinds may be resolved otherwise than by the court, and

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- (c) the suitability of mediation, or of any such other way of resolving disputes, for trying to resolve any dispute to which the particular application relates;
 - “family proceedings” has the same meaning as in section 75 of the Courts Act 2003;
 - “relevant family application” means an application that—
 - (a) is made to the court in, or to initiate, family proceedings, and
 - (b) is of a description specified in Family Procedure Rules.
- (4) This section is without prejudice to sections 75 and 76 of the Courts Act 2003 (power to make Family Procedure Rules).