

ACCREDITATION TO THE NZLS PANEL OF MEDIATORS – FAMILY SPECIALIST ANNUAL RETURN AND DECLARATION

NZLS Panel of Mediator members need to:

1. Meet membership and ongoing practice requirements to retain their accredited status.
2. Have in place appropriate professional supervision arrangements in line with the NZLS Guidelines on Professional Supervision for Mediators 2014.
3. Retain their professional association with NZLS and the Family Law Section, as the membership organisations which administer the panel.
4. Pay an annual panel accreditation fee for panel membership.

REQUIREMENTS

During each membership year (from 1 July to 30 June) you need to have completed:



At least **15 hours** of **mediation practice** (with a minimum of 10 hours being family specific). Mediation practice means acting as the mediator or co-mediator in a mediation and/or facilitating a round table meeting using specific mediation skills.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The new CPD Rules came into force on 1 October 2013. The rules stipulate that all lawyers providing regulated services must complete **10 hours** of CPD activities each year related to their identified learning needs, and to reflect on and evaluate what they have achieved through those activities.

Due to these changes there is no longer a specific professional development requirement for your ongoing accreditation to the panel of mediators. However, as a mediation specialist it is expected that a proportion of your **10 hours** of CPD activities each year will be mediation specific.

PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION

All panel members must have arrangements in place for regular professional supervision. Formal professional supervision is distinct from collegial mentoring/supervision in that it involves a contractually agreed working relationship between a supervisor (professionally trained and accredited) and a client supervisee (mediator). All panel members are required to have read and understood the Guidelines on Professional Supervision for Mediators and have suitable professional supervision arrangements in place. For more information on professional supervision or to read the guidelines go to <http://my.lawsociety.org.nz/forums/panel-of-mediators/supervision>.

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Please complete the declaration below and return to us by **13 July 2018** either via email to family@lawsociety.org.nz or by mail to NZLS ADRO, C/- Family Law Section, PO Box 5041, Wellington 6140:

Declaration

I _____, of _____ declare that:

1. During the past membership year (from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018) I **have** completed a minimum of **15 hours** mediation practice (as the mediator, co-mediator, or facilitator of a round table meeting using specific mediation skills), of which at least 10 hours was family specific mediation.
Please tick if applicable
2. I have **read and understood the Guidelines on Professional Supervision for Mediators 2014** and have professional supervision arrangement in place consistent with the Guidelines on Professional Supervision for Mediators 2014.

_____ signed _____ date

Please keep a copy of this document for your records. This declaration may be audited, so please retain verification of your mediation practice, professional development activities and professional supervision arrangements for this period.