



## Separation/Divorce Mediation Sliding Scale Fee

The Orange County Dispute Settlement Center strives to provide affordable separation/divorce mediation services. The minimum fee is \$25 per person per session, and the maximum fee is \$125 per person per session.

The sliding scale is based on the gross annual income of each individual. The sliding scale fee is \$1 for every thousand dollars earned as gross annual income. Mediation sessions last approximately two hours. Payment is expected at the end of each mediation session unless other arrangements have been agreed upon prior to the mediation.

### Examples

- A person with a gross annual income of \$30,000 will pay \$30 per mediation session (most sessions last two hours).
- A person with a gross annual income of \$125,000 and above will pay \$125 per session.
- A person with a gross annual income of \$0 to \$25,000 will pay \$25 per session.

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In the interest of fairness, we ask that you consider your assets as you find your place on the scale. For example, some clients may be "unemployed" but have considerable financial holdings, and are asked to make a payment based on their reasonable ability to pay.

*(We make every attempt to accommodate your schedule. Please make cancellations at least 24 hours in advance to avoid a \$20 cancellation fee.)*

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## Memorandum of Understanding

At the completion of mediation, participants are provided with a Memorandum of Understanding which lists what both parties agreed to in mediation. There is a fee of \$25 per person for preparation of this document.

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Please call us at (919)-929-8800 ext 10 if you would like more information.