

# Family Dispute Resolution Services

## Fees Notice

Clients who consent to their personal information being provided to our funding body (the Department of Social Services via the Data Exchange (DEX)) are eligible to receive information, referrals, intake appointments and information sessions free of charge from the Toowoomba Family Relationship Centre (FRC).

### Fees for the Joint FDR Session: (for eligible consenting clients)

The first hour of the Joint Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) Session is provided at no cost to you.

#### If you earn \$50,000 or more per annum

For the second and third hours of the Joint FDR Session, you will be required to pay \$30.00 per hour per person, if you earn \$50,000 or more gross annual income.

Fees charged are based on a three (3) hour Joint FDR Session (i.e. a maximum of \$60 per person per 3hr session). This fee is to be paid to administration at the end of the session. If further Joint FDR Session time is required, fees will apply and will be based on CatholicCare's Fee Scale.

#### If you earn \$50,000 or less per annum

The second and third hours of the Joint FDR Session is free of charge if you earn less than \$50,000 gross annual income or receive Commonwealth health and social security benefits (as listed below). Fees may apply in accordance with CatholicCare's Fee Scale if further Joint FDR Session time is required.

- » a health care card
- » a health benefit card
- » a pensioner concession card
- » a Commonwealth seniors health card or
- » any other card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs that certifies entitlement to Commonwealth health concessions
- » a youth allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY benefits

#### OR

- » you are an inmate of a prison or otherwise lawfully detained in a public institution
- » you are a young person under the age of 18 years
- » we believe that payment would cause financial hardship.

Your practitioner will discuss fees with you during your intake individual appointment.

**PLEASE NOTE:** To be eligible for subsidised (reduced fee) mediation services, clients are required to consent to their personal information being provided to our funding body (the Department of Social Services via the Data Exchange DEX). Clients who do not consent to their personal information being shared can still access our mediation services however, they may be charged full fees (\$210 per hour + GST).

#### CatholicCare Fee Scale

Fees may apply in accordance with CatholicCare's Fee Scale in the following circumstances:

- » If you have accessed more than three (3) Joint FDR Sessions at the FRC in a two (2) year period.
- » If further Joint FDR Session time is required immediately following the first Joint FDR Session.

*(NB: This Fee Scale does not include Child Inclusive Family Dispute Resolution (CIFDR) interviews or sessions.)*

Fee Scale	
Gross Income	Fee
\$0 to \$20,000	\$25.00 per hour (Frozen)
\$20,001 to \$49,999	\$46.00 per hour
\$50,000 to \$79,999	\$57.00 per hour
\$80,000 to \$100,000	\$92.00 per hour
\$100,001 and over	\$115.00 per hour

#### CatholicCare Fee Schedule

for Child Inclusive Family Dispute Resolution:

- » Fees may apply in accordance with **CatholicCare's Fee Policy**.
- » Payable by **each parent** for the entire CIFDR process.
- » Payment is required **prior to children interviews whether a JS proceeds or not**.

Fee Scale (based on income level)	
Gross Income	Fee
\$0 to \$50,000	\$200.00
\$50,000 to \$100,000	\$300.00
Greater than \$100,000	\$400.00