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Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) Mediation

SEND Accreditation

The CMC and the College of Mediators, supported by the Department of Education, operate a joint SEND accreditation scheme which sets [professional standards](#) for SEND mediators. Accredited SEND mediators are listed on the SEND Register.

SEND mediators are encouraged to apply for accreditation. Accredited SEND mediators must be a member of either the CMC or the College of Mediators. For people who are not already members, this can be applied for alongside submitting your application for accreditation.

The Department for Education will fund new registration and training approval fees until March 2020 as we wish to encourage SEND mediation providers to register – if you or your organisation wish to have training approved or wish to register with the College of Mediators or the Civil Mediation Council as an accredited SEND mediator this will not incur an initial cost before March 2020, however annual re-registration fees will need to be met.

Passporting

Experienced SEND mediators are able to apply now to be passported in to the new accreditation scheme. To apply for this, please complete the [application form](#) and submit this to applications@civilmediation.org or admin@collegeofmediators.co.uk. There is no further fee for CMC or College of Mediator Members to be passported in to the accreditation scheme.

Additional SEND accreditation for existing CMC registered mediators or College of Mediator accredited mediators

Mediators who are not eligible to be passported in to the new accreditation scheme, but who are already CMC Registered or hold existing College of Mediators Accreditation, can apply for SEND accreditation by submitting a portfolio for review. A member of the SEND Review Panel will then consider whether the portfolio demonstrates that the mediator meets the standard required.

More information can be found [here](#).



SEND Mediators newly joining the CMC or College of Mediators

Mediators who are not eligible to be passported in to the new accreditation scheme, and who are not already registered with the CMC or hold College of Mediators Accreditation, can apply for SEND accreditation by submitting a portfolio for review and join the CMC or the College of Mediators. A member of the SEND Review Panel will then consider whether the portfolio demonstrates that the mediator meets the standard required.

More information can be found [here](#).

New SEND Training

From Autumn 2018 we expect there to be registered SEND Mediation Training Courses available to people who are experienced mediators in other fields. New SEND mediators must attend this training, and gain some SEND experience before submitting a portfolio for review.

Training Courses

Mediation Provider Organisations and Independent Training Providers may submit their training courses for approval by the College of Mediators (COM) and the Civil Mediation Council (CMC) in order to become Recognised Training Providers of SEND Mediation Training and listed on our joint Training Register.

More details, including a template form for completion are available [here](#).

This framework provides a template against which a specialist training course, designed to develop the mediation skills and knowledge required to be an SEND mediator, can be assessed and approved by these two professional bodies.

A specialist training course is one which accepts delegates who are already trained and experienced in another field of mediation. For those training providers wishing to provide foundation training in SEND Mediation (i.e. a programme of 40 hours in length for participants who are new to mediation) please see the document on the College website entitled 'FOUNDATION Training Approval Process 2017'.

Once approval is granted, courses can be advertised and run as COM / CMC approved for a three year period.

Please send completed applications, marked 'SEND Training Approval', to applications@civilmediation.org or admin@collegeofmediators.co.uk

The fee for having a specialist training course assessed for approval is £300 plus VAT.

Training approval in this field is supported by the Department for Education and funding is available to cover this fee. This financial support is for a limited period only, until March 2020. After this time applicants will be required to bear the costs of approval themselves.

Applicants who wish to have their training approval funded should indicate that this is the case on their application form and need not make any direct payment to the College or the CMC.



Appointment of SEND Review Panel

The CMC and College of Mediators have appointed a [SEND Review Panel](#) made up of experienced SEND mediators and independent members. The Review Panel will consider applications from mediators to join the panel and applications from training course providers to register their training courses so that these can lead to accreditation.

