



The
Mediation
Specialists

The Mediation Specialists' Appointment Service

Prospective mediation participants, referred to here as “parties”, may not always be able to decide on a mutually acceptable mediator. In such circumstances, the parties, or their legal representatives, can ask The Mediation Specialists to nominate one mediator from the team or recommend names from the team. We call this selection process “The Mediation Specialists' Appointment Service”.

Information

1. Both parties will be equally responsible for paying for the fees for The Mediation Specialists' Appointment Service (“the Appointment Service”) unless otherwise agreed in advance or the Court orders otherwise.
2. The fee for the Appointment Service is £250 excluding VAT.
3. To request the Appointment Service parties can contact the Director of The Mediation Specialists, Sheila Gooderham, via the Home page of The Mediation Specialists' website www.themediationspecialists.org.uk
4. Upon being notified that the Appointment Service is required by parties, The Mediation Specialists will appoint a mediator within 14 days of being notified that a dispute requires the use of the Appointment Service.
5. If the Appointment Service is required, The Mediation Specialists will only nominate or appoint a mediator who, in its view, possesses the relevant skills and experience to mediate the dispute for the parties effectively and for whom there is no conflict of interest in the provision of mediation services to the parties (see below*). Upon selection by The Mediation Specialists, the mediator and the parties must immediately inform The Mediation Specialists if they are aware of the existence of any conflict of interest or any other reason why the mediator cannot act as a neutral third party in the mediation. If such circumstances arise which preclude the mediator from mediating, then, upon notification, The Mediation Specialists will select another mediator and this process will be repeated until a mediator who is free from conflict of interest and available to mediate can be identified.

*All our mediators follow the CEDR Code of Conduct for Third Party Neutrals. The current code of conduct can be found here:

[Code-of-Conduct-for-Third-Party-Neutrals.pdf \(cedr.com\)](#)