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## Family mediation

### Netherlands

Mediation is always permitted and is applied especially under civil law and public law. Mediation takes place on a voluntary basis. In the Netherlands, legislation is in preparation which includes measures to promote quality.

In the Netherlands, there are various registers of mediators. The MfN is the federation of the largest mediator associations and keeps an extensive register of mediators. The MfN register accepts only mediators complying with carefully considered quality criteria. For example, there is a code of conduct for mediators. The MfN site also contains independent information on mediation and mediators in the Netherlands.

A second register is the ADR international register. The website of this register enables mediators to be found and it includes information on mediation-related topics.

In the Netherlands, there is also the Mediation initiative in the legal system. This means that the district court or court of appeal where proceedings are in progress informs the parties involved of the possibility to opt for mediation. The court of appeal can also refer the parties to a parent consultation in which, through mediation, a possible solution to the problem can be sought.

Other authorities where information on mediation can be obtained are the Juridisch Loket (office for legal information and assistance) and the Raad voor de Rechtsbijstand (Council for Legal Aid).

Under certain circumstances, the costs of the mediation may be refunded in whole or in part.

#### Links

<http://www.nmi-mediation.nl>

<http://www.adr-register.com/nl>

<http://www.rechtspraak.nl/hoe-werkt-het-recht/mediation-naast-rechtspraak>

<http://www.juridisch.nl>

<http://www.rechtsbijstand.nl>

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