



## 8. Legal language – what does it all mean?

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These terms are highlighted in bold the first time they appear in each chapter of this booklet.

### **Action**

A dispute that is taken to court. Also called 'proceedings', a 'case', a 'matter' or a 'suit'.

### **Adjournment**

Putting off a court case until a later date.

### **Affidavit**

A written statement of facts and circumstances, sworn or affirmed to be the truth and signed in front of a lawyer or Justice of the Peace. Affidavits are used as evidence in court cases.

### **Affirmation**

A promise to tell the truth when giving evidence in court either in person or by signing an affidavit.

### **Applicant**

A person who starts a court case.

### **Application**

The document filed by the applicant to start a court case.

### **Apprehended domestic violence order (ADVO)**

A violence protection order against a person with whom you have domestic relationship (e.g. a spouse or family member).

### **Apprehended personal violence order (APVO)**

A violence protection order against a person with whom you do not have a domestic relationship (e.g. a neighbour).

### **Barrister**

A lawyer who specialises in court work.

### **Binding financial agreement**

An enforceable agreement dealing with the division of property, and/or payment of maintenance. It can be entered into before, during or after marriage.

### **Child support**

Payments that are made by a parent for the benefit of a child.

### **Conflict of interest**

A clash between the different duties that a lawyer has to clients, the courts, other lawyers or the public. For example, a lawyer has a duty to keep client information confidential and to put the interests of the client before others. A lawyer cannot fulfil these duties by representing two people on opposing sides of a case or in some cases acting against a past client.

### **Contravention**

When a party does not follow (breaches) the family law orders made by the court.

### **Client**

A person who employs a lawyer.

### **Consent order**

A court order based on agreed terms between parties to a dispute. It is just as enforceable as any other court order. It can be about property or children or both.

### **Contested or defended action**

A dispute in court where the respondent will not agree with all or part of an application.

### **Department of Communities and Justice**

The government agency in NSW responsible for child protection.

### **De facto relationship**

A relationship between two adults who live together as a couple on a genuine domestic basis and who are not married or related by family. De facto relationships can be between same sex or opposite sex couples.

### **De facto partner**

A partner in a de facto relationship (formerly de facto spouse).

### **Defendant**

In the context of AVO proceedings, the defendant is the person against whom an application is made or who has an AVO against them.

### **Deponent**

A person who swears or affirms an affidavit.

### **Dispense with service**

A court order which means that you do not have to give your application or other court documents to the other party.

### **Dissolution of marriage**

Divorce, the legal end of marriage.

## Divorce Kit

A kit produced by the Family Law Court which provides the steps in applying for and obtaining a divorce and the application for divorce form.

## Domestic Relationship

You have a domestic relationship (as used in NSW Domestic Violence law) with another person if you:

- are/were married;
- are/were in a de facto relationship;
- have/have had an intimate personal relationship e.g. boyfriend/girlfriend – doesn't need to include sexual relationship;
- live/lived with each other;
- live/lived in same residential facility at the same time;
- are/were cared for by the other person (paid or unpaid carers included);
- are/were a **relative** of the other person;
- are part of the same extended family or kinship group (Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander person);
- are/were in a relationship with the same person.

## Domestic Violence Liaison Officer

A Domestic Violence Liaison Officer (DVLO) is a specialist police officer trained in the dynamics of domestic and family violence, child protection

procedures, victim support and court AVO processes.

The role of the DVLO is to:

- provide advice to police and victims;
- assist in referral to appropriate support agencies;
- assist victims through the court process for Apprehended Violence Orders; and
- monitor repeat victims and perpetrators.

## Early Resolution Assistance

The Legal Aid family dispute resolution service.

## Error of law

A mistake in the way the judge interpreted or applied the law.

## Ex parte order

A court order made without the other party to the application knowing about the application or being present.

## Family Consultant

A Family Consultant is either a psychologist or social worker who specialises in family issues arising from separation and divorce and who is employed by the Family Law Court to give their advice about a child's living arrangements. They prepare **Family Reports**.

### Family Dispute Resolution (FDR)

Family Dispute Resolution also known as FDR is a compulsory mediation process where the parties (usually the parents of the child) are encouraged and supported to try and make a decision about the care of their children. There are exceptions to the compulsory requirement to mediate.

### Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP)

An independent person who helps separating couples to resolve some or all of their family law issues through family dispute resolution (mediation). They must complete an accreditation course and be registered with the Federal Attorney General's Department.

### Family Member

Usually refers to a person you are or were in a relationship with or have a family connection to. The *Family Law Act* defines family member to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander concepts of family and for the purposes of certain sections of the Act, particularly in relation to **Family Violence**. See ► also **Domestic Relationship and Relative**.

### Family Relationship Centre (FRC)

Family Relationship Centres or FRCs are government funded agencies which provide family dispute resolution services to assist separated parents to make decisions about children after separation.

### Family Report

A Family Report is a report prepared by a Family Consultant to help the court make a decision in a family law matter about children.

### Family Tax Benefit Part A

The primary payment from the federal government to help with the cost of raising children. It is usually paid to a parent or guardian for a child aged less than 21 years or a dependent full-time student aged between 21 and 24 years.

### Family Tax Benefit Part B

An extra payment to help families with the cost of raising children where there is only one main income earner (including sole parent families) with a dependent full-time student up to the age of 18 years.

### Family violence (as defined in the Family Law Act)

Family Violence (as defined in the *Family Law Act*) means violent, threatening or other behaviour by a person that coerces or controls a member of the person's family or causes the family member to be fearful.

Examples of behaviour that may constitute family violence include (but are not limited to):

- (a) an assault; or
- (b) a sexual assault or other sexually abusive behaviour; or
- (c) stalking; or

- (d) repeated name-calling; or
- (e) intentionally damaging or destroying property; or
- (f) intentionally causing death or injury to an animal; or
- (g) unreasonably stopping a family member from having access to and control of money; or
- (h) unreasonably withholding financial support needed to meet the reasonable living expenses of the family member, or his or her child, at a time when the family member is entirely or predominantly dependent on the person for financial support; or
- (i) preventing the family member from making or keeping connections with his or her family, friends or culture; or
- (j) unlawfully depriving the family member, or any member of the family member's family, of his or her liberty.

### Family violence (as used in reference to ADVOs in NSW)

Family violence and domestic violence are often used to describe the same thing when people are talking about getting an AVO. When family violence is in this context, it means violence from a family member or other person within a **Domestic Relationship**. See ➤ above definition of **Apprehended Domestic Violence Order** and

**Domestic Relationship** for more information.

### Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Family Law Court)

A court that is part of the federal court system designed to deal with less complex family law matters and divorce applications. Cases are heard by Federal Judges.

### Independent children's lawyer

A solicitor appointed by the court to represent the interests of a child or children in a family law case.

### Injunction

A court order that forbids a person from doing something or commands him or her to do something. Also known as a restraining order.

### Interim application/order

An application to the court for a temporary order until the court can hear all the evidence. For the purposes of this booklet, it might apply to interim AVO orders or interim orders about property or children.

### Irretrievable breakdown of marriage

No reasonable likelihood of getting back together. Under family law, this is proved by 12 months separation.

### Joint parental responsibility

A court can make an order for joint parental responsibility if they believe that it is in the child's best interests to do so. This means that both parents are obliged to consult

each other and make a genuine effort to reach an agreement about major long-term issues about the child including: the child's education, religion and culture, health, name and changes to living arrangements.

### **Judgment**

A decision by a judge resolving a dispute after a hearing, together with their reasons for the decision.

### **Justice of the Peace**

A person who has formal authority to witness legal documents.

### **Lawyer**

A general word for solicitors and barristers.

### **Litigation**

A court dispute.

### **Local Court**

A state court where a Magistrate hears cases and makes decisions.

### **Magistrate's Court**

Same as a Local Court.

### **Maintenance**

Money paid by one former partner for the support of the other former partner and/or their children.

### **Mention**

A brief hearing when the court gives a case some attention but not a full hearing.

### **Oath**

A promise to tell the truth sworn on a religious book that is important to the person making the promise.

### **Party or parties**

People involved in a court case or a dispute – usually, an applicant and a respondent.

### **Parenting order**

Any order about children made under the *Family Law Act*.

### **Parental responsibility**

All the duties, powers and responsibilities and authority that parents have for their children. Parents have joint parental responsibility for their children until a court orders otherwise.

### **Property**

Any assets of value including a house, investment properties, cars, boats, trailers, cash in bank accounts, superannuation, household contents, shares, or interest in a business. Even if the property is in one spouse or partner's name, it can still be divided in a family law property settlement.

### **Provisional Order**

A provisional AVO is an order made by the court or a senior police officer in response to an urgent application by the police who believe someone needs immediate protection. It will remain in place until the first time the matter goes to court.

### Recovery order

An order of the court that directs a person or people (such as the police) to find, recover and deliver a child to a parent of the child, a person who has parental responsibility for the child, or a person with parenting orders that state the child must live with, spend time with or communicate with them.

### Registrar

(as defined in the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act*). A person who works for the court and provides information, assistance with court forms and may make decisions in Court about procedural issues. In Local Courts Registrars can take applications for AVOs.

### Relative

A person is a relative if they are or were:

- (a) A father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather or stepmother of the person; or
- (b) A son, daughter, grandson, grand-daughter, stepson or stepdaughter of the person; or
- (c) A brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother or stepsister of the person; or
- (d) An uncle or aunt of the person; or
- (e) A nephew or niece of the person; or

- (f) A cousin of the person; or
- (g) If the person is or was married, a person who is or was a relative, of the kind described in (a) – (f), of the person's spouse; or
- (h) If the person is or was in a de facto relationship with another person, a person who would be a relative of a kind described in (a) – (f) if the persons in that de facto relationship were or had been married to each other.

### Respondent

The other party in an application you make to the court.

### Response

A form lodged to respond to an Application in a family law matter.

### Section 60I certificate

A section 60I certificate enables a person to file an application in court for orders about their children. Unless a person is eligible for an exception to the requirement to participate in **family dispute resolution (FDR)**, all parties must attempt to resolve their dispute using FDR prior to filing in court. Section 60I certificates can only be signed by an accredited **FDR practitioner**.

### **Separation**

The situation when a married or de facto couple lead separate lives and usually live apart. There is no need to formally register when you first separate.

### **Serve documents/Service of documents**

A process where the documents filed in a court case are given to the other party. All documents in a court case must be formally given to the other party before the court will hear the case. Different rules for service apply in different cases.

### **Settlement**

An agreement between parties to a dispute about how to resolve it without a court decision.

### **Solicitor**

A lawyer who gives clients legal advice, helps with legal problems and who may appear in court.

### **Spouse**

Another word for partner, including husband, wife, heterosexual and same sex de facto partners.

### **Stalking**

A form of harassment when someone follows you around or waits outside your home or workplace.

### **Status quo**

A Latin phrase that means 'the way things are'. A phrase that refers to current situation or circumstances.

### **Stay of execution**

A court order that temporarily stops a court judgement from being carried out.

### **Subpoena**

A court order to make a witness come to court to give evidence and/or to bring documents to court.

### **Substantial and significant time**

In family law, time that enables parents to be involved in daily routines and special occasions and includes weekends, weekdays and holiday times.

### **Substituted service**

A court order that enables you to **serve** your court documents on a relative or friend of the respondent or put a notice in the paper, instead of serving them on the other party in circumstances where you do not have an address or do not know where he or she is.

### **Victims Services**

The NSW government agency that provides counselling, financial support and recognition payments for people who have been injured as a result of an act of violence in NSW.





## Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service

Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services or **WDVCAS** provide assistance and support to women experiencing domestic violence. Their workers can help women experiencing domestic violence by providing information about ADVOs and the court process, support at court, assistance with access to legal representation if required and referrals to counselling, accommodation or support groups.

### Witness

Any person who tells a court what she or he knows about a case.

# 9. Referrals and resources

## 9.1 Referrals

### For people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment

If you are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can ring any telephone number using the National Relay Service.

TTY/Voice calls	133 677
Speak & Listen	1300 555 727
SMS Relay	0423 677 767

Internet Relay	<a href="http://nrschat.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/internetrelay">nrschat.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/internetrelay</a>
Captioned Internet Relay	<a href="http://nrsCaptions.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/captionrelay">nrsCaptions.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/captionrelay</a> (Some services may not use)

Video Relay	Choose the available NRS video relay contact on Skype Open Skype and contact NRS.VIDEORELAY (Some services may not use)
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If you are unsure how to use the National Relay Service, you can contact the **National Relay Service Helpdesk**.

Hours	Monday–Friday (8am–6pm Sydney time)
Helpdesk Information	<a href="http://nrsCaptions.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/contactus">nrsCaptions.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/contactus</a>
Voice	1800 555 660
TTY	1800 555 630
Fax	1800 555 690
Email	<a href="mailto:helpdesk@relayService.com.au">helpdesk@relayService.com.au</a>
SMS	0416 001 350

### For people who are non-English speakers

If you do not speak English or it is not your main language, you can call TIS National (Translating and Interpreting Service) for an interpreter.

It is free to call most government services and many non-profit services.

Phone 131 450  
Website [tisnational.gov.au](http://tisnational.gov.au)

### Services Australia

Service	Contact	Hours
Families	136 150 • Family Tax Benefit • Parenting Payment	Monday–Friday 8am–8pm
Child Support	131 272 • General enquiries • Applications	Monday–Friday 8:30am–4:45pm
Indigenous phone services	1800 136 380 • Centrelink 1800 556 955 • Medicare	Monday–Friday 8am–5pm Monday–Friday 8am–5pm
Multilingual phone services	131 202 • Centrelink	Monday–Friday 8am–5pm
TIS National phone services	131 450 • Medicare and Child Support	Monday–Friday 8am–5pm

For details of your closest Centrelink, Medicare or Child Support location, go to the Services Australia website: [servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au)

### Children's Contact Services

Contact the Family Relationship Advice Line for the location and telephone number of your closest Child Contact Service.

Phone 1800 050 321  
Hours Monday–Friday, 8am–8pm  
Saturday, 10am–4pm

### Community Legal Centres NSW

CLCs NSW is the peak body for community legal centres in NSW. To find the Community Legal Centre closest to you, go to the CLCs NSW website or phone LawAccess.

Phone LawAccess: 1300 888 529  
Website: [findlegalhelp.clcnsw.org.au](http://findlegalhelp.clcnsw.org.au)

### Domestic Violence Line

The Domestic Violence Line is a **24 hour, 7 day a week** phone service that offers referral to refuges and accommodation, counselling and support services to victims of domestic violence.

Phone 1800 656 463  
TTY 1800 671 442

### Domestic Violence NSW

Phone (02) 9698 9777  
Fax (02) 9698 9771  
Email [admin@dvnsw.org.au](mailto:admin@dvnsw.org.au)  
Website [dvnsw.org.au](http://dvnsw.org.au)

### NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) (formerly DoCS or FaCS)

The Child Protection Helpline is a phone service to report suspected child abuse or neglect, **24 hours, 7 days a week**.

Phone 132 111  
TTY 1800 212 936  
Enquiries, feedback & complaints  
Phone 1800 000 164

To find a Community Services office closest to you, go to the Community Services website.

Website [facs.nsw.gov.au/families](http://facs.nsw.gov.au/families)

### Family Relationship Advice Line

The Family Relationship Advice Line is a national telephone service that provides information on family relationship issues, advice on parenting arrangements and referrals to local services.

Phone 1800 050 321  
Hours Monday–Friday, 8am–8pm  
Saturday, 10am–4pm

### Family Relationships Online

The Family Relationships Online website provides families with information about relationship issues and services to assist them with their relationship issues, including family dispute resolution services. The website also includes the contact details of Family Relationship Centres across Australia.

Website [familyrelationships.gov.au](http://familyrelationships.gov.au)

### Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Family Law Court)

The Federal Circuit and Family Court website has general information about Family Law Court procedures and can make referrals. The website has information on many topics, court forms, do-it-yourself kits and information about court fees.

Website [fcfcoa.gov.au](http://fcfcoa.gov.au)

You can call the **National Enquiry Centre 24 hours** if you have an **urgent** family law situation, such as children at risk of being taken overseas without consent:

Phone	1300 352 000
Hours	Monday–Friday, 8:30am–5pm
Email	<a href="mailto:enquiries@fcfcoa.gov.au">enquiries@fcfcoa.gov.au</a>

### Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (NSW)

Family Violence Prevention Legal Services are community-based organisations that provide legal assistance and support to **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** victims of family violence.

Bourke, Moree HO, Walgett (*Thiyama-li Family Violence Service*)  
(02) 6752 1188

Broken Hill (*Warra Warra Legal Service*)  
(08) 8087 6766 or 1800 812 800

Forbes (*Binaal Billa Family Violence Prevention Legal Service*)  
(02) 6850 1234 or 1800 700 218

Kempsey (*Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Legal Service*)  
(02) 6562 5856

### Link2Home – Statewide Homeless Service

Link2Home provides an information and referral service, including for refuge accommodation.

Phone 1800 152 152  
Website [facs.nsw.gov.au/housing](https://facs.nsw.gov.au/housing)

### International Social Service (ISS) Australia

The International Social Service provides telephone information and social work support for international parental child abduction and tracing cases.

Phone 1300 657 843  
Email [iss@iss.org.au](mailto:iss@iss.org.au)  
Website [iss.org.au](https://iss.org.au)

### LawAccess NSW

LawAccess provides free legal information, advice and referrals. It is a main referral point to find your nearest Legal Aid, Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, Community Legal Centre, Family Violence Prevention Legal Service or Aboriginal Legal Service as well as private solicitor referrals.

Phone 1300 888 529  
Hours Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm  
Website [lawaccess.nsw.gov.au](https://lawaccess.nsw.gov.au)

### Law Society of New South Wales

The Law Society of NSW provides a solicitor referral service and a pro bono solicitor scheme.

Phone (02) 9926 0300  
Hours Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm  
Email [lawsociety@lawsociety.com.au](mailto:lawsociety@lawsociety.com.au)  
Website [lawsociety.com.au](https://lawsociety.com.au)

### Legal Aid NSW

Legal Aid NSW provides free legal advice and information, as well as legal representation for eligible clients.

Phone (02) 9219 5000 (Head Office)  
1300 888 529 (LawAccess)  
TTY (02) 9219 5126  
Website [legalaid.nsw.gov.au](https://legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

### Legal Aid NSW Child Support Service

Phone (02) 9633 9916 or 1800 451 784  
Hours Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm

### Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC)

The Legal Information Access Centre provides legal research assistance and access to legal information resources (including legislation and case law). Specialist librarians are available to assist with legal research.

Phone (02) 9273 1414  
Hours Monday–Friday, 10am–5pm  
Monday–Friday, 10am–1pm  
(Telephone enquiries)

Location State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000

Email [liac.library@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liac.library@sl.nsw.gov.au)  
Website [legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au)

### LGBTIQ Services

#### Inner City Legal Centre

ICLC is a community legal centre which provides lesbian, gay, transgender and intersex people with legal services including court assistance for people escaping domestic and family violence and a statewide legal advice service.

Phone (02) 9332 1966 or 1800 244 481 (Toll free)  
SMS 0466 724 979  
Email [iclc@iclc.org.au](mailto:iclc@iclc.org.au)  
Website [iclc.org.au](http://iclc.org.au)

#### ACON

Phone 1800 063 060 or (02) 9206 2000  
Hearing Impaired (02) 9283 2088  
*Another Closet – Domestic and Family Violence in LGBTIQ Relationships* website: [ssdv.acon.org.au](http://ssdv.acon.org.au)  
*Say it Out Loud – Domestic and Family Violence* information website: [sayitoutloud.org.au](http://sayitoutloud.org.au)

#### Local Courts NSW

To find the Local Court closest to you, go to the Local Courts' website.

Website [localcourt.nsw.gov.au](http://localcourt.nsw.gov.au)

## NSW Office of the Legal Services Commissioner (OLSC)

You can contact the OLSC to make a complaint against a legal practitioner or service.

Phone	(02) 9377 1800 or 1800 242 958
TTY	(02) 9377 1855
Email	<a href="mailto:olsc@justice.nsw.gov.au">olsc@justice.nsw.gov.au</a>
Website	<a href="http://olsc.nsw.gov.au">olsc.nsw.gov.au</a>

## Staying Home Leaving Violence (SHLV)

The Staying Home Leaving Violence program helps women and children escaping domestic violence to remain safely in their homes.

Albury	(02) 6058 6200 or 1800 885 355
Armidale	1800 073 388
Bathurst/Lithgow	1300 384 357
Bega	(02) 6492 6239
Blacktown	(02) 9677 1962
Blue Mountains	1300 384 357
Broken Hill	08 8088 2520
Campbelltown	1800 077 760 or (02) 4633 3777
Canterbury/Burwood	(02) 9602 7795
Coffs Harbour	(02) 6652 9944
Coonamble/Walgett	(02) 6829 4352 or (02) 6828 3570
Dubbo	(02) 6883 1561
Eurobodalla	(02) 6492 6239
Fairfield, Liverpool	(02) 9602 7795
Georges River	(02) 9319 4088
Griffith	(02) 6964 3381
Inverell	0417 858 634 or 0417 786 736
Kempsey	(02) 6562 2272
Lake Macquarie	(02) 4943 9255
Lachlan/Weddin	1800 067 067
Maitland, Cessnock	(02) 4934 2585
Mid Coast	(02) 4979 1120
Mid-Western Regional	1300 384 357
Moree	(02) 6752 8027
Muswellbrook/Upper Hunter	(02) 4934 2585
Newcastle	(02) 4926 3577
Orange	1300 384 357
Parkes/Forbes/Cowra	(02) 6850 1788



Parramatta	(02) 9636 8437
Penrith	(02) 4721 2499
Port Stephens	(02) 4987 4674
Queanbeyan/Palrang	(02) 6189 4808
Randwick/Waverley	0439 414 673
Redfern	(02) 9699 9036
Richmond Valley	(02) 6662 2898
Shoalhaven	(02) 4421 7400
Snowy Monaro Regional Council	(02) 6492 6239
Sutherland	(02) 9528 2933
Tamworth Regional	1800 073 388
Tweed/Byron	(02) 6684 4299
Wagga Wagga/Junee	(02) 6964 3381
Wollongong	(02) 4255 5333
Wyong, Gosford	(02) 4356 2600

### Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre

Wirringa Baiya is a statewide community legal centre for Indigenous women.

Phone (02) 9569 3847 or 1800 686 587  
 Website [wirringabaiya.org.au](http://wirringabaiya.org.au)

### Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services (WDVCAS)

WDVCAS provides information, support and referrals to women who have experienced domestic violence. To find a WDVCAS closest to you, or to find if there is one at the court you are going to you can contact the local police DVLO or call LawAccess.

Phone 1300 888 529 (*Law Access*)

### Women's Health NSW

Women's Health NSW is the peak body for Women's Health Centres in NSW. To find the Women's Health Centre closest to you, go to the Women's Health NSW website.

Email [info@whnsw.asn.au](mailto:info@whnsw.asn.au)  
 Phone (02) 9560 0866  
 Website [whnsw.asn.au](http://whnsw.asn.au)

### Women's Legal Service NSW

Women's Legal Service NSW (WLS) is a statewide community legal centre for women. WLS provides free legal advice, information and referrals through the advice lines and outreaches provided below. Limited casework and representation may be available. WLS also does community legal education and law and policy reform work.

Phone (02) 8745 6900 / 1800 WLSNSW


Website [wlsnsw.org.au](http://wlsnsw.org.au)

### Outreach Services

Please check our website for information about our outreach services

## 9.2 Useful resources

Organisation	Resource	Website
Attorney General's Department	Information about international child abduction.	<a href="http://ag.gov.au/FamiliesAndMarriage/Families/InternationalFamilyLaw/Pages/default.aspx">ag.gov.au/ FamiliesAndMarriage/ Families/ InternationalFamilyLaw/ Pages/default.aspx</a>
Australian Federal Police	Family Law Kit: Information about recovery of children and the family law (airport) watchlist.	<a href="http://afp.gov.au/our-services/national-policing-services/family-law-watchlist">afp.gov.au/our-services/ national-policing-services/ family-law-watchlist</a>
Family Law Court	Pamphlets, fact sheets and kits about court's services, court processes, costs and a range of family law issues.	<a href="http://fcfcoa.gov.au">fcfcoa.gov.au</a>
Thomson Reuters	The Law Handbook 15th edition, Sydney 2020.	<a href="http://legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/guides/law_handbook">legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/ guides/law_handbook</a>
Legal Aid NSW	Pamphlets and fact sheets on family law, child support and domestic violence as well as other criminal and civil law issues.	<a href="http://legalaid.nsw.gov.au">legalaid.nsw.gov.au</a>
Legal Information Access Centre (NSW State Library)	<i>Hot Topics</i> : Publications about legal issues in plain language.  <i>Find Legal Answers</i> : lists useful legal resources, by topic, available on the web and in print from public libraries across NSW or in the State Library of NSW.	<a href="http://legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au">legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au</a>
Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre	Family Law Property Settlement Workbook and other publications about children's court care matters.	<a href="http://shoalcoast.org.au">shoalcoast.org.au</a>
Victims Services	Forms for applying for Victims Support, publications and links to other resources.	<a href="http://victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au">victimsservices.justice.nsw.gov.au</a>
Welfare Rights Centre	Factsheets about social security benefits and dealing with Centrelink (e.g. 'Declaring your same sex relationship to Centrelink', and 'Prosecution of social security offences').	<a href="http://welfarerightscentre.org.au">welfarerightscentre.org.au</a>



Organisation	Resource	Website
Wirringa Baiya	Infosheets on a number of topics including victims' support, sexual assault, domestic violence and AVOs.	<a href="http://wirringabaiya.org.au">wirringabaiya.org.au</a>
Women's Legal Service NSW	Women and Family Law Booklet and brochures about domestic violence.	<a href="http://wlsnsw.org.au">wlsnsw.org.au</a>

## 9.3 Family Law Fees

**Fees are as at 1 May 2024 subject to increase please check with the court or service for up to date fees.**

The Family Court and Federal Circuit Court may give you an exemption from fees if you are in financial hardship. Check court guidelines to see if you have to pay the fee or if you may fill in the application for exemption from fees.

### Family Court of Australia

Application for consent orders	<b>\$195</b>
Initiating application ( <i>Parenting or financial, final only</i> )	<b>\$410</b>
Initiating application ( <i>Parenting or financial, final and interim</i> )	<b>\$550</b>
Initiating application ( <i>Parenting and financial, final only</i> )	<b>\$670</b>
Initiating application ( <i>Parenting and financial, final and interim</i> )	<b>\$810</b>
Response to initiating application ( <i>final</i> )	<b>\$410</b>
Interim application	<b>\$140</b>

### Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Application for divorce	<b>\$1060</b>
Application for divorce—reduced fee ( <i>no fee waiver allowed</i> )	<b>\$350</b>
Initiating application ( <i>parenting or financial, final only</i> )	<b>\$410</b>
Initiating application ( <i>parenting or financial, final and interim</i> )	<b>\$550</b>
Initiating application ( <i>parenting and financial, final only</i> )	<b>\$670</b>
Initiating application ( <i>parenting and financial, final only and interim</i> )	<b>\$810</b>

### Multicultural NSW (was Community Relations Commission)

Translation of Standard documents—7 days	<b>\$80</b>
Translation of Standard documents— <i>Express Service</i>	<b>\$105</b>

### NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages

Marriage Certificate—Standard	<b>\$65</b>
Marriage Certificate—Urgent	<b>\$95</b>

For more details, other filing fees or exemption applications call the Family Law Court National enquiry line **1300 352 000**.