



Family Court of Western Australia

Certificate by accredited family dispute resolution practitioner - Section 66H of the *Family Court Act 1997 (WA)*

Practice Direction (No. 2 of 2025)

Noting the Family Law (Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners) Regulations 2025, which come into operation on 1 April 2025, mandate the form of the certificate to be given by a family dispute resolution practitioner under subsection 60I(8) of the Family Law Act 1975:

1. This Practice Direction applies from 1 April 2025.
2. The form of the certificate to be given by a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner under subsection 66H(7) of the Family Court Act 1997 is to be as attached to this Practice Direction.
3. From 30 April 2025, the Court will not accept the earlier version of the form if signed by a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner on or after 1 April 2025.
4. A copy of the form is available on the Court's website at www.familycourt.wa.gov.au.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Sutherland'.

The Honourable Justice Sutherland, Chief Judge
Family Court of Western Australia
Dated: 25 March 2025

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Section 66H of the *Family Court Act 1997* (WA)**

***Dispute about matters that may be dealt with under
Part 5 of the Act***

The name of the person to whom the certificate is given

in relation to

*The matters in dispute that may be dealt with by the Part 5 order (“**the order**”)*

I, _____,

state (select only one of the following paragraphs and strike through or delete the other paragraphs):

- (a) due to the refusal, or the failure, of the other party or parties to the proceedings to attend, _____ did not attend family dispute resolution with me and the other party or parties to the proceeding in relation to the issue or issues that the order would deal with.
- (b) _____ did not attend family dispute resolution with me and the other party or parties to the proceedings in relation to the issue or issues that the order would deal with, because I consider, having regard to the matters prescribed by regulation 10 of the *Family Court Regulations 1998* (WA) for the purposes of paragraph 66H(7)(b) of the Act, that it would not be appropriate to conduct the proposed family dispute resolution.
- (c) _____ attended family dispute resolution with me and the other party or parties to the proceedings in relation to the issue or issues that the order would deal with, and that all attendees made a genuine effort to resolve the issue or issues.
- (d) _____ attended family dispute resolution with me and the other party or parties to the proceedings in relation to the issue or issues that the order would deal with, but that _____ (party or parties) did not make a genuine effort to resolve the issue or issues.
- (e) _____ began attending family dispute resolution with me and the other party or parties to the proceedings in relation to the issue or issues that the order would deal with, but that I consider, having regard to the matters prescribed by regulation 10 of the *Family Court Regulations 1998* (WA) for the purposes of paragraph 66H(7)(e) of the Act, that it would not be appropriate to continue the family dispute resolution.

Signature

Registration number

Organisation, if applicable

Date of certificate

Date of last attempted attendance at family dispute resolution (for (a) or (b))

OR

Date of last attendance at family dispute resolution (for (c), (d) or (e))
