

SEPARATION CHECKLIST: FIRST MEETING WITH YOUR LAWYER



WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO YOUR FIRST MEETING?

Separation and divorce can be overwhelming, and understandably you will have a lot on your mind. Taking a logical and organised approach to divorce will help minimise the stress and financial impact, as will being prepared for your Lawyer.

We've prepared this checklist of items to bring with you and what you need to think about when you meet with your Lawyer for the first time in regards to separation. This simple list will ensure that you have all the information your Lawyer will need so they can give you advice on the best possible outcomes for your situation.

CHRONOLOGY OF RELEVANT DATES

Before you meet with your Lawyer, it will be helpful to prepare a chronology of relevant dates, including:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Date you started living together | <input type="checkbox"/> Dates of birth of any children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date you were married (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated or actual date of purchase or sale of assets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date you separated | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and income history |

If you do not know exact dates, try and estimate the approximate month or even year.

VALUES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Where possible, you should try to estimate the approximate values of each of your assets, this may include anything of value. You should also prepare a list of any liabilities, such as loans or credit card debt. Download a copy of our **Asset Planner** to help get you started.

ASSETS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Properties | <input type="checkbox"/> Superannuation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport / Vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> Collectibles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Household Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shares | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Accounts |

LIABILITIES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgages | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp Duty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loans | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Debt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Debt | <input type="checkbox"/> Bills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Household Expenses | |

If you have obtained appraisals or valuations of any assets, these should be provided to your Lawyer as well as the current balance on any liabilities.

COPIES OF RELEVANT CERTIFICATES, AGREEMENTS OR ORDERS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce Order (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Orders / Agreements |
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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

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