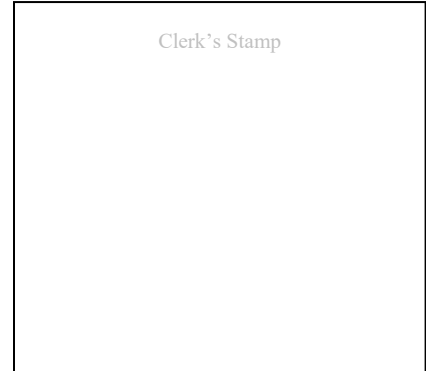


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COURT Court of King's Bench of Alberta/ Court of Justice Alberta  
JUDICIAL CENTRE Edmonton/Calgary \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_  
RESPONDENT \_\_\_\_\_  
DOCUMENT Participation in Alternative Dispute Resolution



Parents and guardians in conflict about parenting are required to attempt an Alternative Dispute Resolution process if they do not agree on plans for parenting arrangements, contact with the child(ren), guardianship, finances and/or property before seeking the assistance of the Courts.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) includes many different options and processes for resolving disputes. ADR is usually a less formal process that allows for parties to reach their own agreements with the assistance of a trained, neutral third-party that facilitates their discussions. Outcomes from ADR can be made into an agreement and can set the stage for improved communication and coordination of parenting between the parties. ADR can be an effective way for people in conflict to resolve their disputes without attendance at court or other more costly processes.

All ADR processes must consider screening for [family violence](http://www.alberta.ca/recognize-family-violence) (www.alberta.ca/recognize-family-violence) and appropriateness of ADR. Further, it is important for all parties to consider independent legal advice throughout the process including prior to any attempts at ADR.

**If you have concerns for your safety or the safety of others, contact the Family Violence Information Line, by phone or text: 310-1818. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

To meet the ADR requirement set by the Alberta Courts, the ADR process must:

- Be delivered by a neutral third-party, familiar with parenting conflict, family violence, and the impact of conflict on children and child development.
- Include the topics or issues you want to bring to court.
- Have been attempted within the past six months.

See the attached document *Considerations When Searching for Private ADR Services* for additional information and considerations.

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**About the ADR Process**

Did you attempt ADR within the last six months, for the topics or issues you want to bring to court?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Name of ADR Organization or person who delivered ADR services:	
Did you use a translator for the ADR process?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of ADR Process:	<input type="checkbox"/> Alberta Justice Family Mediation Program <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta Justice Child Support Resolution Program <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta Justice Parenting Intervention Program (BCI) <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta Justice Caseflow Conference Program <input type="checkbox"/> Hired a family mediator, including those that meet the qualifications for <a href="http://adralberta.com/directory">ADRIA</a> (adralberta.com/directory) or <a href="http://afms.ca/find-a-mediator">AFMS</a> (afms.ca/find-a-mediator) family mediator rosters <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement conference with both our lawyers, including Collaborative Law <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Services Family Group Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Other type of ADR process that the parties want to ask the courts to recognize (please specify): _____ _____ _____ _____
If you did not complete the full ADR process, indicate the reason.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable, we completed the full ADR process. <input type="checkbox"/> The other parent/party was unwilling to participate or did not attend one or more scheduled meeting. <input type="checkbox"/> ADR facilitator determined that ADR was not appropriate. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (provide details): _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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**Indicate the topics discussed during ADR.**

You must attempt ADR for topics or issues you want to bring to court.

<b>Topic/Issue</b>	<b>Discussed at ADR</b>
Guardianship	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact with the Child(ren)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parenting Plan/Parenting Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decision Making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication Between Parents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spousal Support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Division of Property	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The Court has the discretion to direct parties to a further ADR process or to not accept outcomes of an ADR process if the Court finds the process or agreement to be inappropriate or does not align with current legal principles and/or is contrary to the best interests of the child(ren).**

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_