

Separation Checklist

If you find yourself separating from your spouse or partner, you will probably be feeling overwhelmed. The following is a quick reference point setting out what to think about and do in such a situation:

Children

- Where the children will live
- How, where and when the children will spend time with the non-resident parent and extended families, including grandparents
- Educational decisions affecting school attendance
- School fees and other further education and extracurricular expenses in relation to the children
- Child Support (amounts, duration and future reviews)
- Special needs, including diet and disability

Property

- Division of the family home and personal property, including furniture and cars
- Division of business interests
- Spousal maintenance (including amount, duration and provision for future reviews)
- Superannuation entitlements
- Ensuring future obligations are met, such as loan repayments and utility bills

Liability and responsibility of debt and credit

- Mortgages
- Other loans such as business or personal loans
- Credit card liabilities
- Tax liabilities such as income, capital gains
- Division of investments, savings, shares
- Legal and other professional fees

What to do

- Make a list of all assets and liabilities including costs and current values
- Obtain original or certified copies of all documentation including statements to evidence ownership and/or value
- Notify relevant organisations such as Centrelink of the change in your circumstances
- Consider hidden assets
- Revise an existing will and, if necessary, make a new one
- Contact one of our Family Law Solicitors

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