

Frequently Asked Questions Rules Relating to Dispute Resolution Supreme Court Rules 905-922

1. What is my “DRP” number?

All Dispute Resolution Providers (DRP) are assigned a number when they receive approval. That number appears on the renewal form next to your name.

2. What does “Grandfathering” mean in Rule 911?

If you were previously approved as a Supreme Court Approved Mediator in 2019 and completed the 2020 Renewal Form by January 31, 2020, you are “Grandfathered” in as an Approved Mediator for year 2020.

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3. If I forgot to complete the Renewal Form by January 31st, can I submit it late?

No, the new rules are requiring continual approval so failure to complete the renewal form will require an individual to submit a new application for approval under the new rules.

4. Do I have to pay a renewal fee for each dispute process I am seeking approval for?

If you submit your application for renewal for all dispute resolution processes at the same time you pay only one renewal fee.

If you apply for a **new** approval for a dispute resolution process you must pay a separate processing fee.

5. As an attorney, do I have to obtain Supreme Court Approval to mediate court appointed cases?

No, you do not have to obtain Supreme Court approval to serve as a court-appointed mediator. Attorneys can be appointed as per KSA 5-509, and in

domestic cases in KSA 23-3502. However, to be a Supreme Court Approved Mediator everyone must meet the requirements per Rule 911.

6. As an attorney, do I have to obtain Supreme Court approval to serve as a Domestic Conciliator or Parent Coordinator for court appointed cases?

No, you do not have to obtain Supreme Court approval to serve as a domestic conciliator or parent coordinator. Attorneys can be appointed as Domestic Conciliators or Parent Coordinators as per KSA 5-509. However, to be a Supreme Court Approved Domestic Conciliator or Parent Coordinator everyone must meet the requirements per Rule 911.

7. How do I find out about Primary Training opportunities?

The Kansas Judicial Branch posts a [calendar of approved trainings](#) on its website.

8. I provide Primary Training which has been approved in the past. Am I required to have the training re-approved?

Yes, beginning January 1, 2020, all programs providing primary training must receive approval under the new rules. Approval of primary training is required on an annual basis.

9. I am currently appointed as a Case Manager, but I am not a Supreme Court approved case manager. Can I still be the Case Manager in this case?

Yes, case managers appointed prior to January 1, 2020 may continue to serve in their current cases.

10. I am currently appointed as a Domestic Conciliator, but I am not a Supreme Court Approved Domestic Conciliator; can I still be the Domestic Conciliator in this case?

Yes, if you were appointed prior to January 1, 2020, you may continue in your current cases.

11. I am currently appointed as a parent coordinator, but I am not a Supreme Court approved parent coordinator. Can I still be the parent coordinator in this case?

Yes, if you were appointed prior to January 1, 2020, you may continue in your current cases.

12. I have been doing Case Management for years. Can I still be appointed as a Case Manager?

Beginning January 1, 2020, all new court orders for case management must be conducted by Supreme Court Approved Case Managers per the requirements in Rule 911.

13. I have completed the case management training and I meet the education requirement and number of mediation cases. Can I be appointed as a case manager?

After January 1, 2020, all case managers must also be designated as a Supreme Court Approved Mediator.

14. My Judicial District has a standing court rule that all domestic cases must go through mediation. Do I still have to have a court order before I begin the mediation?

Yes, all court ordered mediations are required to have a court order in each case specifically naming the dispute to be resolved before mediation may be initiated.

15. Do I have to complete 6 hours CDREs for each of the dispute resolution processes for which I am approved?

No, a total of six CRDEs are required annually (January 1 to December 31) for renewal of your application for ALL dispute resolution processes defined

by Rule 906 for which you are approved. The new rules require at least one of the six hours to be in ethics or domestic violence education.

16. If I complete more than six hours of CDREs annually, can I use the extra hours in the next year?

CDREs do not carry over from year to year.

17. If I don't complete six CDRE hours annually, can I make them up in the next calendar year?

No, failure to complete the six required CDRE hours would not allow you to complete the renewal form for the following year.

18. How do I become an approved mentor mediator?

For individuals wanting to be Approved as Mentor Mediators you must meet the following requirements under Rule 912:

- a. Be an approved mediator;
- b. Have served as lead mediator for ten mediation cases in the area in which the mediator is seeking approval as a mentor mediator;
- c. Have completed a minimum of 40 hours of CDRE after becoming a mediator and have either:
 - i. completed six hours of approved mentor mediation training; or
 - ii. completed a mentor mediator course presented prior to the effective date of this rule and served as a mentor mediator on or before the effective date of this rule. The applicant must provide to the director a copy

19. I have been an Approved Mentor Mediator in the past. Am I "grandfathered in"?

No, as of January 1, 2020, all previously approved Mentor Mediators must submit a new application for approval to the director.

20. I was an approved Mentor Mediator as of December 31, 2019. Can I use documents from my prior application to apply for approval under the new rules?

Yes, OJA has a list of all individuals who attended approved mentor mediator trainings in 2006 and 2007. Simply indicate on your application that proof of your mentor mediator training is on file.

If you have already submitted letters of recommendation to OJA related to your capacity to mentor, simply indicate on your application that they are on file.

If you have already submitted proof of serving as lead mediator for 10 cases in the area in which you wish to mentor, simply indicate on your application that this information is on file.

21. Because of COVID-19, I have been unable to attend in-person mentor mediator training as required by Rule 912(c)(4)(A). How can I meet this requirement?

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the necessary cancellation of trainings, for any person otherwise qualified as a mentor-mediator on December 31, 2019, the requirement of Rule 912(c)(4)(A) is waived through December 31, 2020. This waiver will allow previously approved mentor-mediators the opportunity to attend training before December 31, 2020. A mentor-mediator must meet the requirement of Rule 912(c)(4)(A) in order to seek renewal for 2021.