

## **EVIDENCE REQUIRED FOR FREE MEDIATION**

### **For those who are in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) [Income based]**

Please provide the documents below, before your meeting via email to

laa@allisonmediation.co.uk

Income Support and Income Based JSA and ESA are treated as passported state benefits. You receive free prescriptions and free school meals. You have generally been in receipt of this benefit for more than 6 months.

Please note, there is another type of JSA and ESA referred to as Contributory based and these benefits are treated differently in the Legal Aid assessment.

- A current letter (dated within the last six months) advising you of your entitlement to this benefit.
- JSA or ESA letters must state whether Income based or Contribution based.

Photos of the above emailed to the above email address is sufficient.

#### **Bank statements**

In addition, your bank statement for you (and any partner, if you are living together) for any accounts in which you receive income paid into.

[This is not an exclusive list but to give you an idea the Legal Aid Agency treat wages, rental income, monies loaned from family, tax credits, child maintenance, child benefit, lottery / betting wins, bonuses, redundancy payments and sale of items as income if you use that money to help you meet your expenditure that month].

#### **You [and any partner]**

- Bank statements or from online accounts pdf or screen shots or photo's of
  - i.) Four week period before your meeting [so if your meeting is the 01.10.2020 the relevant period is 01.09.2020 to 01.10.2020]
  - ii.) If you emailing us photos of bank statements we understand you may only have part of this period.

You could try to log onto online accounts to create a pdf of transactions for the relevant period or attend at your bank to ask for a 'banker's roll' for the full period.