

Rule 8. Mediator Certification and Decertification

(a) The Commission may receive and approve applications for the certification of persons to be appointed as mediators for matters before the clerk.

(b) To be appointed by the clerk as a mediator in all cases within the clerk's jurisdiction, except in guardianship and estate matters, a person shall be certified by the Commission for either the superior or district court mediation programs.

(c) To be appointed by the clerk as a mediator in guardianship and estate matters within the clerk's jurisdiction, a person shall be certified as a mediator by the Commission for either superior or district court mediation programs and complete a course, at least ten hours in length and approved by the Commission under Rule 9, concerning estate and guardianship matters within the clerk's jurisdiction.

(d) To be approved as a mediator by the Commission under subsections (b) or (c) of this rule, a person shall also:

- (1) submit proof of all qualifications set out in this rule on a form provided by the Commission;
- (2) pay all administrative fees established by the NCAOC upon the recommendation of the Commission; and
- (3) agree to accept the fee ordered by the clerk under Rule 7 as payment in full of a party's share of the mediator's fee.

(e) A mediator's certification may be revoked or not renewed whenever it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commission that a mediator no longer meets the qualifications described in this rule or has not faithfully observed these rules, those of any county in which he or she has served as a mediator, or the Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators. Any person who is or has been disqualified by a professional licensing authority of any state for misconduct shall be ineligible for certification as a mediator under this rule.