Guide to Assist NCDRC Certified Mediators with Renewing Their Certification in Enterprise Justice.



# Helpful Hints!

- 1. Make sure you have at least 30 minutes to complete this process.
- 2. Logon to the <u>eCourts Guide & File page</u>. If you do not login you will not be able to submit your renewal application.
- 3. If you must change an answer, you may need to click the "refresh" button to update the page.
- 4. You will need to have emailed <u>DRCMediators@nccourts.org</u> all documents necessary to properly report any matters that fall under MSC/FFS Rule 8 PRIOR to completing the application.
- 5. You will need your credit card or check book (for ACH transfers) to complete the application. The DRC no longer accepts checks for renewal applications. You will pay all renewal fees through a new application called <u>PayIt</u>. (You will need to create an account.)
- 6. Your mediator profile will be housed on Smartsheet. You will need to register for a work account using the same email currently on file with the DRC. You will not have access to Smartsheet until your renewal application has been approved by DRC. The account is free and operates under the NCAOC. After you log onto SmartSheet, you can create/update your Mediator Profile. You will be the only person who can modify your profile, outside of DRC staff. This is where you will make your selections for designations and court appointments, your attendance preference, enter your keywords, and list your bio. If you do not set up a bio, you are still certified to mediate under the DRC, but your status as a certified mediator will not be available to the public.

You must logon to Guide & File to submit your renewal application.

If you have not yet registered in eCourts, Attorney mediators can create/register for an account. Emergency Judges, and non-attorney certified mediators, must create/register for an "Individual Account" in eCourts.

Once you are logged onto eCourts Guide & File, please click on DRC Mediators ONLY - FY 25-26 Mediator Certification Renewal.



You will be asked to confirm that you are entering the correct interview. If you wish to renew your mediator certification(s) with the DRC, click Next.

Please read, click the box acknowledging you have read the page. Click Next.





Before you start the interview, you MUST have already provided any documents required under MSC/FFS Rule 8 to DRC Staff. Click Next.

You may email the documents directly to DRCMediators@nccourts.org

i.e. Notice of Grievance, Criminal Charges, Civil Judgements, Liens, Bankruptcy, etc.

This is your notice that you are required to pay the fees before completing the application – please, grab your credit card or check book! Select "yes" if you wish to renew your NCDRC certificate(s). Click Next.







Select your program(s). Click Next.

Confirmation you have selected the correct program(s). Click Next.





Select all certification(s) you are renewing in this application.

You will be prompted to elect Active or Inactive status for each program you select.

!! The election for active or inactive will determine the amount of renewal fees you owe at the end of the interview. !!

(Inactive mediators are not eligible to mediate and pay <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> the renewal fees.)

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Enter your personal information. (Do not use auto populate on the phone number as it will fill the extension with blanks and kick back.)

If you are a non-attorney, you will not have additional prompts. Click Next.

If you are an attorney, you will be prompted for your NC State Bar number. If you are an out-of-state attorney, please enter the State(s) where you are licensed. Click Next.



Attorney applicants have reporting requirements. Please, please, read this carefully Click Next.

ALL applicants will need to AFFIRM the statements are correct. If you have ANYTHING to report, you may do so in the next few screens.

> The non-attorney applicants have similar reporting requirements. Please, read this carefully. Click Next.





Please note, your mediator profile will now be housed on Smartsheet. <u>After your renewal</u> application has been approved by DRC staff, you must complete your mediator profile on the Mediator Profile Smartsheet link.

You will be asked to create an account on Smartsheet through this link by setting up a username and password. You can then logon and create/update your mediator profile on Smartsheet at anytime. Additional instructions for this step will be provided!



If you forget your password, you will need to request a password reset through Smartsheet – DRC Staff will not have this Information.

The Smartsheet link is universal and is available on the DRC's website and will be in your renewal notice emails.

## **Reporting Continuing Mediation Education.**

### Please select your CME for the renewal FY by selecting your course in the dropdown box.

(If you do not recall your course, please review the CME Opportunities link for additional course information.)

If you completed additional courses, please check the "yes" box and enter the requested information. When you are done reporting all courses, check the "no" box under add another course. Click Next.

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All NCDRC Certified Mediators are required to complete 2-hours of CME each year.

### If you are newly certified in FY24-25, you are not required to report CME for this FY, please select *Inactive* – *Exempt from CME Requirements*.

If you are a trainer, or have presented a CME, you may select *Mediator Trainer/Instruction* for each hour of instruction, up to 2 hours.

If you are inactive, you are not required to complete annual CME, please select *Inactive – Exempt from CME Requirements*. This page is critical. Please review this page carefully. If you have any matter to report under MSC/FFS Rule 8, now is the time.

If you report all statements are not true, you must provide relevant documents to <u>DRCMeditors@nccourts.org</u>.

Please provide a brief explanation of what you are reporting under Rule 8 in the box. If you have already reported a matter (i.e. a tax lien that remains pending with documents) to DRC Staff, please state "Previously reported lien to DRC staff" in the Explanation of Statements box. Click Next. You must re-report any pending matter!





The fees are automatically calculated based on your selections.

For a single certification in MSC or FFS, the annual certification renewal fees are \$200.00. If you are dually certified in both MSC and FFS, the annual renewal fees are \$400.00. There is no fee for Clerk renewal. If you are inactive, the fees are 50% of the active fees. Click Next.

!!If you are completing this process after the renewal period, October 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be assessed a \$30.00 late fee!!

The next page will take you to a payment link through <u>PayIt</u>. You MUST open the <u>PayIt link</u> and manually enter the amount of renewal fees due, along with your credit card or ACH bank account information. There is a \$2.00 transaction fee for paying online, plus a \$1.50 flat fee for ACH or a 1.8% fee of the total amount if paying by credit card.



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Click the Save button and save the document to your desktop with File Name "Mediator Fees 2025".

When you return to this screen, simply click the Browse button to search your desktop, and upload the file.



The link will take you to our new payment application, **<u>PayIt</u>**. Please set up an account by clicking on the Continue to PayIt Login link. Then click on the Create an Account link and enter your email and create a password.

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The Cart will show the amount you are paying. Click Continue to Checkout.



Please note, there is a Convenience Fee of \$2.00 per transaction and processing fee that will be applied based on your choice to pay by credit card or ACH payment.

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# **IMPORTANT!!**

Your receipt will be sent to your email. You MUST open your email and save a .pdf copy of the receipt. Then close out of the PayIt site and return to your renewal application window so you can upload your payment receipt into your renewal application. See next slide. Your application will not be processed without this information. The fees are automatically calculated based on your selections. For a single certification in MSC or FFS, the annual certification renewal fees are \$200.00. If you are dually certified in both MSC and FFS, the annual renewal fees are \$400.00. There is no fee for Clerk renewal. If you are inactive, the fees are 50% of the active fees.

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Please read this section carefully.

Please complete your mediator profile and your district designations *after your renewal application has been approved by the DRC*. Please click on the Mediator Profile Smartsheet link to access your mediator profile.

You must check the two boxes at the bottom of the screen and type your full name.

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On October 1st, the Commission will delete all court-appointed districts/counties designated by you during previous years and substitute those designated during this renewal period. YOUR DESIGNATIONS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY CARRY-OVER. IF YOU FAIL TO DESIGNATE, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE COURT APPOINTMENTS.	Find My Courthouse			
A designation of a district shall be deemed to be a representation that you have read and will abide by the local rules for, and will accept appointments from, the designated district and will not charge for travel time and expenses incurred in carrying out your duties associated with those appointments. A refusal to accept an appointment in that districtiounty designated by you may be grounds for your removal from the list of certified mediators available for court appointment in that districtiounty.	Eind An Attomey			
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Please read this section carefully.

Please complete your mediator profile and your district designations *after your renewal application has been approved by the DRC*. Please click on the Mediator Profile Smartsheet link to access your mediator profile.



You will then be guided through a survey regarding your interview experience. Please take a moment to complete the survey so we may continue to improve this process!

### THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION PROCESS!



## YOUR RENEWAL APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE!!!

The interview process (fill in the blank section of the form) is complete.

Please review this page. Click Proceed.



# Review and Download

To move through to the next step, you are required to view each document to ensure accuracy. You may also download the documents to save a copy for your own records.

Please note, you will see a DRAFT Certificate attached for your review, if you are an active mediator and your application is approved, you will receive a signed Certificate via email.

Please scroll down the page and click to the right of each document to view before proceeding. Click Submit.



The Next Steps page is on the page where you may review your documents. Please read this carefully and let DRC Staff know if you have any questions.



If you have a firm account through File & Serve, you will be prompted to select your name from the attorney list provided in the drop-down menu and continue.

# Congratulations! You have completed your FY 25-26 DRC Certification Renewal Application. Please read this carefully and let DRC Staff know if you have any questions.

Please take note of your envelope number. DRC Staff will need this number if you have any questions about the status of your application prior to approval. Please include this number when sending DRC Staff any documents or information related to your application.



DRC staff will review all completed renewal applications. Once staff has determined that all renewal requirements have been satisfied, and the proper annual fee has been collected, you will receive notice of your approval. Your annual certificate will be sent to you via email. If your application is missing any information or payment, we will contact you via email.

> Please reach out to DRC staff with any questions. 919-890-1415 DRCMediators@nccourts.org