



## **NOTICE**

**To:** DRC Certified Mediators  
**From:** The Dispute Resolution Commission  
**Date:** November 8, 2019

### **RE: Certification and Certification Renewal Fee Increase**

On November 8, 2019, the Dispute Resolution Commission held its quarterly meeting at the North Carolina Judicial Building. After a full discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to increase the certification fees and annual certification renewal fees beginning with the FY 20/21 renewal period.

Beginning July 1, 2020, the certification and certification renewal fee for a single certification in the MSC or the FFS program will increase from \$140 to \$165 annually. Additionally, the certification and certification renewal fee for a dual certification, MSC and FFS programs, will increase from \$200 to \$225 annually.

Factors taken into consideration included mediator dues from surrounding states and the DRC's history of the original fee schedule set in 1996 at \$120.00 for a single certification. The certification and certification renewal fees have only been adjusted once in the DRC's 25-year history, back in 2002.