

**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.