

Find out which separation approach could work for you,

START THE Q&A

## Questions to ask your Lawyer

Planning to discuss your separation with a Lawyer?  
Here are some key questions to ask:

1. What is a 'divorce' in Australia?

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2. What is a 'separation'?

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3. From what 'date' are we actually separated and how is that decided?

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4. What are my legal rights in the separation or divorce?

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5. What does a fair and equitable outcome mean?

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6. What do my partner and I have to disclose to each other?

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7. What does a 'pool of assets' mean?

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8. What is included in the pool of assets?

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9. What part of the pool of assets am I entitled to?

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10. What part of the pool of assets will my partner be entitled to?

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11. How is my contribution to the relationship assessed?

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12. Why does my contribution matter?

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13. Am I entitled to payments from my partner in the future and for how long?

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14. What am I entitled to for any costs related to parenting?

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15. How does the law make decisions about custody of the child or children?

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16. How will you communicate with my ex partner's Lawyer?

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17. Who will you communicate with during this process?

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18. What is mediation?

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19. How does mediation work?

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20. What does mediation cost?

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21. When would we be likely to enter mediation (if that's the right approach)?

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22. Are there Mediators we can suggest to the other party to reach agreement?

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23. What is the timeframe for this separation/divorce if we can't reach agreement and go to Court?

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24. What will be the cost of going to Court?

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25. What are the best local services I can use to help my family and I get through this?

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26. What are the precise next steps after this meeting?

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27. How can we ensure informal agreements reached during the separation process will be complied with?

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28. What is the paperwork necessary to finalise the relationship?

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29. What paperwork do we need to finalise the parenting plans?

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30. What paperwork do we need to finalise the property plan?

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31. What do you expect the overall cost of this matter to be?

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32. What do the payment terms look like for your services?

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33. Do you have any payment plans for helping to cover legal costs?

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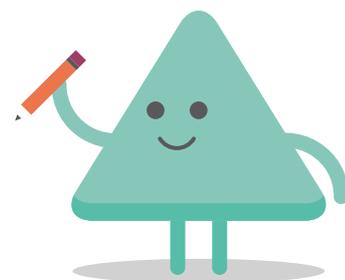
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