

Client's Certification

Please tick the box below which applies to you:-

☐ I have not already received legal help or family help (lower) from a solicitor or contracted provider on this matter.

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Please sign the declaration below which applies to you:

Declaration 1: For non means tested matters:

I understand that if I give false information or withhold any relevant information the services provided to me may be cancelled at which point I will become liable to pay all the costs that have been incurred and I may be prosecuted.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Declaration 2: For means tested matters:

I agree to my solicitor or contracted provider having a first charge on any money or property (including costs) which I recover or preserve in or in relation to the matter for which I am being advised. (Family help (lower) cases which exceed the standard fee only).

This is a true statement of all my and my partner's income and assets in the UK and abroad.

I understand that I must tell you immediately if there are any changes in my or my partner's financial circumstances.

I agree that the Legal Aid Agency (LAA) can contact other parties to check these facts and I authorise those parties to provide the information they are asked for.

I understand that the LAA may check my income and capital status with His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and authorise HMRC to carry out such checks as are necessary to verify my financial status and give that information to LAA.

I understand that the LAA may confirm my receipt of continuing benefit with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). The DWP may carry out such processing as is necessary to check this information remains correct and may inform the LAA of any relevant changes.

I understand that if I give false information or withhold any relevant information the services provided to me may be cancelled at which point I will become liable to pay all the costs that have been incurred and I may be prosecuted.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Note to solicitor: Please ensure you complete any relevant boxes on page 15.

Partner's declaration

If you have a partner whose details have been completed on this form then they must sign the authority below.

This is a true statement of all my income and assets in the UK and abroad.

I agree to the LAA checking these facts with other parties such as the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and I authorise those parties (including HMRC and DWP) to provide the information they are asked for.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Note to solicitor: Please ensure you complete any relevant boxes on page 15.