

Template Orders for the Appointment of a Parenting Coordinator

1. Pursuant to S13C the parties shall participate in the service of Parenting Coordination and for that purpose will forthwith retain **[NAME of PC]**, as parenting coordinator (the “Parenting Coordinator”), on a non confidential basis for a minimum term of twenty-four (24) months from the date of these orders, on the terms provided in this Order and in the form of the parenting coordination agreement endorsed by Parenting Coordination Australia (the “Standard PC Agreement”), provided that where terms of this Order conflict with the Standard PC Agreement, this Order will prevail. **[Or insert terms for the nomination of a panel by one party and selection by the other.]**
2. The parties shall attend on the Parenting Coordinator:-
 - a) For an intake session within **14** days of the date of these orders; and
 - b) For no less than 1 session per month or as otherwise required by the Parenting Coordinator
3. The Parties parenting arrangements in relation to the Children are set out in: **[insert as appropriate – i.e Court order/where made and date made/judge made before/consent orders or interim of final order or parenting plan]**
4. The parties will complete the appointment of the Parenting Coordinator, including:
 - a) selection of the Parenting Coordinator (if not named in this order),
 - b) execution of the Standard PC Agreement, and
 - c) remittance of all requisite retainers and deposits,
 - d) on or before **[date]**, with each party having liberty to apply to the Court on the giving of 5 business days notice in the event of a failure in the appointment of the Parenting Coordinator.
5. Within 7 days of the date of these orders or no later than 5 days prior to the first intake session booked with the Parenting Coordinator, whichever is the later, the parties or either of them shall provide to the Parenting Coordinator:-
 - a) A copy of this order;
 - b) A copy of the Parenting Order or Parenting Plan as referred to in order 3 herein;
 - c) A copy of the **<family report/s of <> dated<>/child impact report etc>**
6. The parties have leave to provide to the Parenting Coordinator any updated family reports or child impact reports and such reports shall be provided by either or both

parties to the Parenting Coordinator within 24 hours of the release of those reports to the parties or their lawyers.

7. The fees, disbursements and other charges of the Parenting Coordinator will be shared equally **OR [insert alternate percentage split] by** the parties, subject to the Parenting Coordinator's authority to reapportion the total parenting coordination costs between the parties as provided in the Standard PC Agreement. Either party is at liberty to apply to the Court to resolve any issue arising out the other party's non-payment of the fees, disbursements and other charges of the Parenting Coordinator.
8. Subject to any applicable Order of the Court, if the parents are unable to agree on any decision affecting the parenting responsibilities or parenting arrangements for the Child, they will refer the dispute to the Parenting Coordinator prior to instituting or renewing court proceedings, whether on an interim or a final basis or for orders for enforcement or contravention, on matters which are within the scope of the Parenting Coordinator's services.
9. Either party is at liberty to apply to the Court if either party fails to comply with the Recommendations or Proposed Protocols of the Parenting Coordinator and the Recommendations or Proposed Protocols and the Parenting Coordinators written reasons for such Recommendations or Proposed Protocols shall be available as evidence to be produced by either party in any such application to the Court.
10. In the event the Parenting Coordinator is required, pursuant to S13D Family Law Act, to report to the Court a failure by either party to comply with this Order, the Parenting Coordinator shall do so by **<insert method of report such as email to the Associate, case coordinator or otherwise as appropriate>**.

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