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WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO DISCLOSE?

The Family Law Act and Rules are clear about what information and documents you need to disclose to the other party and the Court.

If you are negotiating an outcome with the other party we will ask you to provide documents including the following:

- Registration certificates for vehicles, boats, motorcycles and the like
- Insurance policy documents for vehicles, boats, motorcycles and the like
- Life insurance policy documents
- Rates notice for any property you own/co-own
- Details of any investments including shares and cryptocurrencies
- Bank statements for 12 months prior to separation to the current date
- Snapshots of all current bank accounts (savings, mortgage, personal loans, credit cards, etc) to evidence the current value
- Your 3 most recent payslips
- Tax returns and assessments for the past 3 years
- Superannuation statements for the past 3 years and a current snapshot
- Financial Statements for the past 3 years prepared on behalf of any entity you are involved with such as a partnership, company, a trust or self-managed superannuation fund
- Company constitution, trust deed and/or super fund deed
- The details of any asset you disposed of 12 months prior to separation, and anything you may have acquired/disposed of post separation
- Evidence of any benefits you receive (eg. pension, family tax, child support)
- Details of expenses paid by you for others

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- Any interest you may have in a trust or deceased estate (commonly referred to as a “financial resource” and including DVA or personal injury claims) and bank accounts held on trust for children.

We may also ask you to provide other documents/particulars such as:

- Evidence of your financial position at the start of the relationship (all assets, liabilities and superannuation benefits)
- Evidence of your financial position at the end of the relationship if you separated some time ago and your financial position has changed
- Each of your average weekly expenses within a spreadsheet.

We will also ask the other party to provide similar documents to you.

Chapter 6 of the Rules explains that you may need to produce these documents for inspection and provide a list of those documents and answer specific questions about those documents.

You are able to upload these important documents on your own time in the comfort of your own home to a client portal that we can access in order to view and provide disclosure to the other party.

A few points about disclosure:

- You must disclose all relevant documents, even about assets your former partner may not be aware of;
- The obligation continues until an agreement is formalised, or final orders are made by the Court; and
- The obligation is mutual - your former partner or spouse must disclose all relevant documents too.



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