

Resolving Tax Issues Through Mediation: A Smart Alternative

When facing tax disputes with the IRS, many taxpayers don't realize there's an efficient alternative to lengthy court battles - mediation. Fast Track Mediation (FTM) offers taxpayers a valuable opportunity to resolve disagreements quickly and effectively.

Key Benefits of Tax Mediation:

- Expedited case resolution
- Improved communication with IRS auditors
- Less formal than court proceedings
- More cost-effective than litigation
- Maintains your right to pursue other appeals options

When Can You Request Mediation?

Mediation services are available at various stages of tax disputes:

- After examination findings
- During collection determinations
- Before pursuing formal appeals

The Appeals Process:

If mediation doesn't fully resolve the dispute, taxpayers can still pursue other options through the IRS Appeals Office, which operates independently from examination and collections departments.

Small Case Considerations:

For disputes involving \$25,000 or less per tax period, taxpayers may qualify for streamlined small case request procedures, making the process even more accessible.

Mediation offers taxpayers a practical pathway to resolve tax disputes while maintaining their rights and options for further appeal. Consider this valuable tool before pursuing more costly and time-consuming alternatives.

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