DIVORCE & SEPARATION CHECKLIST

Make smart financial decisions and be financially prepared for the future

With separation and divorce comes significant financial upheaval and change. How you divide the property pool, the assets you choose to hold, and the ones you don't, all have a big impact on your future financial wellbeing and lifestyle.

This simple checklist is designed to provide a starting point and help guide you through the process of working out what will be in your best interests – now and long into the future.

1 Identify and list all...

- ○ Assets and investments.
- ○ Bank and investment accounts.
- ○ Loans, debts and liabilities.
- ○ Superannuation accounts.

Include important details such as:

- Estimated value
- Account numbers
- Account names and ownership details – are they in individual or joint names, business or entity names or even ex-partners?

2 Assess your lifestyle and income needs

- ○ Define your lifestyle goals – what matters to you moving forward? How do you want to live?
- ○ Create a list of your likely living expenses.
- ○ Estimate the cost of raising your children, including school fees, activities and basic living expenses.
- ○ Determine the level of income you'll need to cover living and lifestyle expenses – Now? Later? In retirement?
- ○ Consider your future earning potential.

3 Model different asset split scenarios

Estimate your likely income and financial position based on retaining different assets, taking into account things like:

- ○ Your future earning potential.
- ○ Income sources and amounts.
- ○ Debts and ability to service.
- ○ Cash in bank.
- ○ Future wealth position.

Things to consider and identify when looking at each asset in the property pool include:

- Any existing tax debts or potential tax issues that may exist.
- Tax implications of selling or transferring assets (capital gains etc).
- The likely costs, returns and growth potential of each asset.
- If you will be able to secure and service any loans needed to retain certain assets.
- Ongoing ownership requirements and responsibilities – including financial, time, reporting, tax and legal.
- How you will invest any lump sum cash payout to maximise financial outcomes.

4 Determine which assets make the most sense to retain

Your modelling will help you see the short, mid & long-term outcomes of different scenarios and identify assets that will provide the:

- ○ Income you need, want or require.
- ○ Greatest financial security and certainty.
- ○ Ability to create and lead the lifestyle you want to lead – now and in the future.

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Financial affairs by their very nature can be very complex and difficult to navigate – particularly if there are multiple entities, ownership structures and assets.

As financial advisors specialising in property settlement advice, Prosper Advisory can guide and advise you throughout the process so that you can come out the other side confident in your position and ready to create and lead the lifestyle you want.

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