



VALUATION SERIES: MOTOR VEHICLES

Finding out the value of assets and liabilities is an important step when you are going through a property settlement with your ex-partner. This fact sheet is about valuing motor vehicles.

What are motor vehicles?

Motor vehicles can include cars, motorbikes, boats and caravans. In most property settlements there will be one or more motor vehicles.

How can you find out the value of your motor vehicle?

You can find out how much money your motor vehicle is worth using a valuation website, such as [Redbook.com.au](https://www.redbook.com.au) or [Automotive Financial Services](https://www.automotivefinancialservices.com.au). These websites will give you an estimated value range for your car, motor bike or boat. You will need to provide the make, model and year of manufacture. For caravans, you can look at similar models on sale online and then try to reach an agreement with your ex-partner about the value.

What if you cannot agree with your ex-partner on the value of a motor vehicle?

If you and your ex-partner cannot agree on the value of your car, motor bike or boat, you can pay for a [Redbook.com.au](https://www.redbook.com.au) valuation report.

The valuation report can give you a more accurate value because you can add more detail about your motor vehicle including the kilometers travelled, the motor vehicle's condition, and any modifications made.

If you cannot agree with your ex-partner about the value of your caravan there are websites such as [Astute RV and Caravan Valuations](https://www.astute.com.au) that provide valuation reports for a fee.



Who is responsible for paying for an online valuation report?

It is common for people to share the cost of online valuation reports.

What is a sworn valuation?

A sworn valuation is provided by an expert who will give their opinion in writing and “swears” that the valuation is independent and authentic.

Experts are usually registered with a national or state board. There are specific family law rules that experts need to follow.

When do you need a sworn valuation?

You may need to arrange for an expert to provide a sworn valuation if:

- you have tried using an online valuation website but cannot agree with your ex-partner about the value of the vehicle, or
- you have a motor vehicle that cannot be valued using an online valuation website (for example, a vintage or classic car).

Who is responsible for paying for a sworn valuation?

It is common for people to share the costs of a sworn valuation. The fee for a sworn valuation will change from expert to expert. You should ask a few experts to find out their costs.

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How can Legal Aid WA help?

amica

[amica](#) is a secure online tool that helps separating couples reach amicable agreements about parenting and property.

[amica](#) guides people through a step-by-step process and offers information and support along the way to help them reach agreements about parenting issues and property settlement.

Legal Aid WA Website

You can also find a range of information, videos and fact sheets about dividing property and finances on the Legal Aid WA website www.legalaid.wa.gov.au.

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