



ASSESSMENT COMPARISON GUIDE - Parent Version

FAMILY FUNCTIONING ASSESSMENT

Feature	Lite	Standard	Complex
Purpose	Quick snapshot of how the family is going today	Full understanding of how the family communicates and works together	Deep look at family patterns, history, risks, and needs
Time Required	4–6 hrs	10–15 hrs	20–30 hrs
Parent Interviews	One	1–2	Several or extended
Child Input	Optional	As needed	Multiple sessions across settings
Observations	None	One session	Several settings (home/contact/office)
Documents Reviewed	Recent only	Key documents	Full historical + agency documents
Focus Areas	Strengths + concerns	Routines, communication, roles, relationships	Safety risks, patterns, DFV/AOD/MH, conflict cycles
Cultural Considerations	Basic	Standard	In-depth cultural mapping
Report	2–3 pages	5–8 pages	10–15 pages

Feature	Lite	Standard	Complex
Best For	Low risk, early check-ins	Moderate concerns	High risk, complex history, court matters

PARENTING CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

Feature	PCA Lite	Standard PCA	Complex PCA
Purpose	Early check or progress snapshot	Full understanding of parenting strengths and challenges	Deep forensic assessment for high-risk or complicated situations
Time Required	10–15 hrs	38–50 hrs	65–90 hrs
Parent Interviews	1–2	2–3 per parent	Multiple or extended
Child Observation	1–2	2–3	Multi-setting, several sessions
Parent–Child Interaction	One session	1–2 sessions	Multi-session behavioural analysis
Documents Reviewed	Recent only	Core file	Full history + specialist reports
Risk Areas	Basic	Comprehensive	DFV/AOD/MH risk mapping

Feature	PCA Lite	Standard PCA	Complex PCA
Cultural Considerations	Basic	Standard	Detailed cultural + contextual analysis
Report	4–6 pages	Full court-ready	Extensive forensic report
Best For	Low risk, early-stage	Moderate risk	High risk, multi-system involvement

Note: Assessment level is confirmed after reviewing referral information, risk factors, history, and complexity.

*** Lite assessments are not suitable for court decisions, reunification planning, DFV matters, or cases involving significant historical or multi-agency concerns. Additional fees may apply where extra interviews, observations, or records are required.