

Divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation petition

To be completed by the Court	
Name of court	
Case No.	
Date received by the court	
Date issued	
Time issued	

Notes to Petitioners

- This form should be used if you are making an application to the court for divorce/dissolution to end your marriage or civil partnership or (judicial) separation from your spouse or civil partner.
- Before completing this form, please read the supporting notes for guidance on completing the form.
- Please answer all questions. If you are unsure of the answer to any question, or you do not think that it applies to you, please indicate this on the form.
- If there is not enough room on the form, you may continue on a separate sheet. Please put your name, the Respondent's (your spouse/civil partner) name, and the number of the Part the information relates to, at the top of your continuation sheet.
- If completing this form by hand, please use **black ink and BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS** and tick the boxes that apply.

See the supporting notes for guidance

I, (please state your full name)

apply for a divorce

dissolution

(judicial) separation

in respect of my marriage

civil partnership

and give the following details in support of my application.

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Part 1 About you (the Petitioner) and the Respondent (your spouse/civil partner)

See the supporting notes for guidance

Petitioner

My current name is

First name(s) (in full)

Last name

My address is (including postcode)

Postcode											

My date of birth is

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My occupation is

I am

male female

Respondent

The Respondent's current name is

First name(s) (in full)

Last name

The Respondent's address is (including postcode)

Postcode											

The Respondent's date of birth is

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The Respondent's occupation is

The Respondent is

male female

Part 2 Details of marriage or civil partnership

See the supporting notes for guidance

On the _____ day of _____ [19] [20]

(insert your name exactly as it appears on your marriage/civil partnership certificate)

married formed a civil partnership with

(insert the name of the Respondent exactly as it appears on your marriage/civil partnership certificate)

at

(insert the place where the marriage/civil partnership was formed, exactly as it appears on your marriage/civil partnership certificate)

A certified copy of your marriage/civil partnership certificate must be sent to the court with this completed petition (see supporting notes for guidance).

Part 3 Jurisdiction

See the supporting notes for guidance

The Respondent and I last lived together as husband and wife civil partners
at

Address

The court has jurisdiction to hear this case under

Article 3(1) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 of 27 November 2003

or

the Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005

on the following grounds

The Petitioner and Respondent are both habitually resident in England and Wales and/or

Other (please state any other connection(s) on which you wish to rely)

or

The court has jurisdiction other than under the Council Regulation on the basis that no court of a Contracting State has jurisdiction under the Council Regulation and the Petitioner Respondent is domiciled in England and Wales on the date when this application is issued

or

The court has jurisdiction other than under the Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations on the basis that no court has, or is recognised as having jurisdiction as set out in the Regulations, and

either:

the Petitioner and/or the Respondent is domiciled in England or Wales

or

the Petitioner and Respondent registered as civil partners of each other in England or Wales and it would be in the interests of justice for the court to assume jurisdiction in this case.

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Part 4 Other proceedings or arrangements

See the supporting notes for guidance

- There are and/or have been
- proceedings in any court in England and Wales or elsewhere with reference to the
 - marriage
 - civil partnership
 - or to any child of the family
 - or between the Petitioner and Respondent with reference to any property of either or both of them
- (please enter details below)

or

- no other proceedings in any court in England and Wales or elsewhere.

- This is an application based on five years' separation and
- agreement has been made or is proposed to be made between the parties for the support of
 - the Petitioner
 - the Respondent
 - and any child of the family
- (please enter details below)

or

- no agreement has been made or is proposed to be made.

Part 5 The fact(s)

See the supporting notes for guidance

I apply for a

- divorce on the ground that the marriage has broken down irretrievably, or
- dissolution on the ground that the civil partnership has broken down irretrievably, or
- (judicial) separation

and

I rely on the following fact(s) in support of my application:

- The Respondent has committed adultery and the Petitioner finds it intolerable to live with the Respondent (this fact is not applicable in relation to a civil partnership)
- The Respondent has behaved in such a way that the Petitioner cannot reasonably be expected to live with the Respondent
- The Respondent has deserted the Petitioner for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the presentation of this petition
- The parties to the marriage/civil partnership have lived apart for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the presentation of the petition and the Respondent consents to a decree/order being granted
- The parties to the marriage/civil partnership have lived apart for a continuous period of at least five years immediately preceding the presentation of the petition.

Part 6 Statement of case

See the supporting notes for guidance

(in all cases, please state briefly any relevant details about the fact(s) on which you rely)

Part 7 Details of the children

See the supporting notes for guidance

Children of the family

Full names of the children of the family	Gender		Date of birth (or state if over 18)	Over 16 but under 18 and in education, training or working full time	(a) Child of both parties	(b) Other child of the family																				
	male	female																								
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Statement of arrangements for children

See the supporting notes for guidance

- I attach a completed statement of arrangements in respect of those children of the family who are either aged under 16, or aged under 18 and at school, college, or in training for a trade, profession or vocation
- or
- No statement of arrangements is attached, because there are no children of the family, or no children of the family are either aged under 16 or aged under 18 and at school, college, or in training for a trade, profession or vocation.

Children of either party who are not children of the family

Full names of the children of either party who are not children of the family	Gender		Date of birth (or state if over 18)	Born to or adopted by	Born to or adopted by																				
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Part 8 Special assistance or facilities if you attend court

See the supporting notes for guidance

If you are required to attend court during these proceedings will you need any special assistance or facilities?

Yes (please supply details below) No

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Part 9 Service details

See the supporting notes for guidance

- I am not represented by a solicitor in these proceedings
- I am not represented by a solicitor in these proceedings but am receiving advice from a solicitor
- I am represented by a solicitor in these proceedings, who has signed Part 10, and all documents for my attention should be sent to my solicitor whose details are as follows:

Box 1 Solicitor's details

Name of solicitor			
Name of firm			
Address to which all documents should be sent for service Postcode <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Telephone no.		
	Fax no.		
	DX no.		
	Your ref.		
E-mail			

Box 2 Petitioner's address for service

Address (including postcode) Postcode <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
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Box 3 Respondent's address for service

Address (including postcode) Postcode <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
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Box 4 Co-Respondent's details, if any

- There is no Co-Respondent
- There is a Co-Respondent whose details are as follows:

First Name			
Last Name			
Address (including postcode) Postcode <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>			

Part 10

See the supporting notes for guidance

Prayer

The Petitioner therefore prays

(1) The application

That the marriage civil partnership be dissolved

or

That the Petitioner be (judicially) separated from the Respondent.

(2) Costs (if you wish to claim costs from the Respondent or Co-Respondent)

That the Respondent Co-Respondent shall be ordered to pay the costs of this application

(3) Financial Order (if you wish to make an application for a Financial Order)

(a) That the Petitioner may be granted the following Financial Order(s):

an order for maintenance pending suit/outcome

periodical payments order

secured provision order

lump sum order

property adjustment order

order under section 24B, 25B or 25C of the Act of 1973/paragraph 15, 25 or 26 of Schedule 5 to the Act of 2004 (Pension Sharing/Attachment Order)

(b) **For the children**

a periodical payments order

a secured provision order

a lump sum order

a property adjustment order

Signed

Petitioner ['s Solicitor]

Dated

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