

# Statement in support of divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation – desertion

Section 1(2)(c) Matrimonial Causes Act 1973  
Section 44(5)(d) Civil Partnership Act 2004

To be completed by the Petitioner	
Name of court	Case No.
Name of Petitioner	
Name of Respondent	

If completing this form by hand, please use **black ink and BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS** and tick the boxes that apply.

## About the petition

1. Have you read the petition for  divorce  dissolution  (judicial) separation in this case?

Yes  No

2. Do you wish to alter or add to any statement in the divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation petition?

Yes  No

If yes, please state the alterations or additions to be made.

3. Subject to these alterations or additions (if any) is everything stated in your divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation petition true?

Yes  No

If any statement is not within your own knowledge, please indicate this and state whether it is true to the best of your information and belief.

4. State the date on which you and the Respondent separated, and, if different the date on which the alleged desertion began.

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5. Did you agree to the separation?

Yes  No

6. State briefly the facts you rely on in support of the allegation that the Respondent deserted you, and your reason for saying that the desertion continued up to the presentation of the divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation petition.

7. Did the Respondent ever offer to resume cohabitation?

Yes  No

If Yes, please explain the circumstances and why the offer was refused.

8. State, as far as you know, the various addresses at which you and the Respondent have respectively lived since the date that the Respondent deserted you and the periods of residence at each address.

From/to (dd/mm/yy)	Petitioner's address	From/to (dd/mm/yy)	Respondent's address

9. Since the date that the Respondent deserted you, have you ever lived with the Respondent in the same household (there can be more than one household at the same address)?

Yes  No

If Yes, state the address and the period giving dates to the best of your knowledge or belief. Please also explain the domestic circumstances when you separated.

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If the Respondent has personally signed the acknowledgement of service you must attach a copy to this statement and tick the relevant box(es), except that if the acknowledgement of service has been signed by a solicitor acting on behalf of the Respondent you do not need to refer to it or attach to this statement.

I identify the signature appearing in paragraph 9(a) of the acknowledgement of service, a copy of which I have attached to this statement and marked 'A', as the signature of my  spouse  civil partner, who is the Respondent in these proceedings.

I exhibit marked 'C'

(describe any other document attached).

I ask the court to grant a decree/an order dissolving my  marriage  civil partnership, or  for (judicial) separation from the Respondent on the fact(s) stated in my petition

and (provided you have applied for costs in your petition for divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation) to order the Respondent to pay the costs of this application.

**Statement of Truth – the Petitioner must complete and sign this section**

I believe that the facts stated in this statement in support of the petition for divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation are true

Print full name

Signed

Dated

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**Proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against a person who makes or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth.**