



Deemed and Dispensed Service Applications

What does 'Deemed' mean?

A Deemed service application is where the respondent party has not responded to the Divorce petition through filing an Acknowledgment of Service. The petitioner can apply for a deemed application for a court order to prove the petition 'deemed to have been served'. If accepted, the Judge will deem that the Petition has been served to the respondent.

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What does 'Dispensed' mean?

A Dispensed service application is where all attempts to serve notice to the Respondent have failed. The petitioner can apply to the Court to have the service of the petition 'Dispensed with'. The petitioner will need to demonstrate that they have made all reasonable attempts and enquiries to find the Respondent and serve the papers.

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your client by emailing the CTSC at divorcecase@justice.gov.uk with the covering letter and relevant forms. You will also need your Fee Account number so that the CTSC can take payment for your application.







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The system will highlight that you can continue to draft the Decree Nisi application because you have had approved your 'dispensed with service' or 'deemed with service'.

