

Case number

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Answer to a divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation application

To be completed by the court

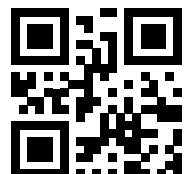
Name of applicant

Name of respondent

Notes to respondent

- The parties are called applicant and respondent and the document starting the court proceedings is called an application.
- This form should be completed if you wish to dispute the divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation application issued by your spouse/civil partner. This could be because you do not agree that the courts have jurisdiction to deal with the proceedings, if you can prove the marriage was never valid or if the marriage or civil partnership has already legally ended.
- There is a court fee for making this application. You can find the current fee in leaflet **EX50** Civil and Family Court Fees which can be downloaded from: www.gov.uk/government/collections/court-and-tribunal-forms If you cannot afford to pay a court fee, you may be eligible for a fee remission or a reduced fee. The form **EX160** Apply for help with fees and the **EX160A** guidance booklet gives you further information – www.gov.uk/get-help-with-court-fees
- If you wish to make your own application, you may need permission to do so. You would need to complete your own application form and pay a separate fee to the fee for this answer form. If you require any further assistance you should seek legal advice. There are **guidance notes within the D8 form** to help you complete your application for a divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation. If you require any further assistance with this form please seek legal advice. The court fee for this application is separate and in addition to the fee for filing this answer.
- If there is not enough room on the form, you may continue on a separate sheet. Please put the applicant's name, your name and the number of the Part to which the information relates, at the head of any continuation sheet.

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I, (please give your full name)

First name(s)

Middle name(s)

Last name

wish to dispute the application made by my spouse civil partner
(please give their full name)

First name(s)

Middle name(s)

Last name

for divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation which was issued under
case number (please state the case number)

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Please treat this as my answer to the application.

On which ground do you wish to dispute the application?

- the court's jurisdiction to entertain the proceedings
- the marriage is not valid
- the marriage has already legally ended

Please explain why you are disputing on this ground and provide details below:

Orders requested

- For the reasons above I ask the court to dismiss the applicant's application
- Other, please specify any other order requested, apart from a costs order, or an application you wish to make for a divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation order (this must be done separately).

Are there any existing or previous court proceedings relating to your marriage/civil partnership or affecting its validity (including any existing or concluded court proceedings overseas)?

Yes. Give further details and try to include:

- case numbers
- what they are about
- names of those involved
- the country where the proceedings took place or are taking place
- name of the court, tribunal or authority dealing with the proceedings
- date the proceedings began and dates of any future hearings

No

Address details for service of documents

Do you wish to keep your contact details confidential from your spouse or civil partner?

Yes. Please complete the separate **C8** form with your details in order to do this.

No

If you want to keep your contact details confidential, **do not complete this question**. Please complete form **C8**.

Building and street

Second line of address

Town or city

County (optional)

Country

Postcode

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Email address

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Phone number (optional)

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If the court needs to contact you, it will be able to do so more quickly if you provide your email address and phone number.

The email address should not be the same as the one given for the applicant.

Court fee

What you need to pay

the court fee is

How to pay the court fee

I have not included payment because

- I have applied for Help with Fees online and my reference number is

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- I am applying for Help with Fees, see attached form **EX160**
- Other – please explain why

A debit or credit card payment

- I will pay over the phone.
- please email me details on how to pay, my email address is

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- I attach a **cheque or postal order**, made payable to 'HMCTS'

Court fee

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If you cannot afford the court fee

You may not have to pay a fee, or you may get some money off it if you only have a small amount of savings and investments, receive certain benefits or are on a low income.

You can apply for help with court and tribunal fees online at www.gov.uk/help-with-court-fees or through the 'EX160 Apply for help with fees' form and 'EX160A – How to apply for help with fees' guidance.

A debit or credit card payment. The court will contact you within **28 days after** you submit the application. If you have not heard from the court within this time, call 0300 303 0642 (Monday to Friday: 10am to 6pm).

Statement of truth

I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

I believe that the facts stated in this form and any continuation sheets are true.

The respondent believes that the facts stated in this form and any continuation sheets are true. **I am authorised** by the respondent to sign this statement.

Signature

Respondent

Respondent's legal representative (as defined by FPR 2.3(1))

Date

Day Month Year

Full name

Name of respondent's legal representative's firm

If signing on behalf of firm or company give position or office held

Please send your completed form to

HMCTS Divorce and Dissolution service

PO Box 13226

Harlow

CM20 9UG

Phone: 0300 303 0642

Monday to Friday: 10am to 6pm

email: contactdivorce@justice.gov.uk

Cheque payments only

If you are paying by cheque, remember to include it with your form and make it payable to 'HMCTS'.