

REGLER & COMPANY

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FIXED FEE DIVORCE

Our fees

Petitioner (if you issue matrimonial proceedings)	£400.00
Respondent (if your husband/wife issues matrimonial proceedings)	£200.00

What our fees cover

Our fixed fee covers our costs up to and including obtaining the Decree Absolute (the final divorce order).

The costs for Petitioners are higher due to the additional work to be undertaken drafting the divorce documentation.

Court fees

There are also court fees which are payable in matrimonial proceedings. In some circumstances you may be able to apply for part or full remission from paying court fees. For more information on fee remission, enquire at your local county court.

If you are the Petitioner there is a court fee for issuing the application for Divorce (currently £340).

There is also a fee for applying for the Decree Absolute (currently £45.00). This fee is payable by whichever party applies for the Decree Absolute (usually the Petitioner).

When do I have to pay?

Petitioner

At the initial meeting the first instalment of £200.00 is payable.

Once the divorce documentation is ready to send to the court we will request payment of the £340.00 court fee. If you wish to avoid delay, you can pay the £340.00 court fee at the initial meeting.

A further payment of £200.00 is payable when the court confirms that an Acknowledgement of Service form has been received from the Respondent.

The final payment of £45.00 (representing the court fee for applying for Decree Absolute) is payable when Decree Nisi is pronounced.

Respondent

At the initial meeting the first instalment of £100.00 is payable.

The second instalment of £100.00 is payable when we file your acknowledgement of service form at the Court.

Are there any additional costs I need to be aware of?

You may have to pay the following fees:

Reason for fee	Payable to	Amount of fee
Translation of a foreign marriage certificate	Translator	Varies – quotation can be obtained from translator
Obtaining marriage certificate (if you do not have the original)	Local registrar, parish or other official body	£9.00
Swearing an affidavit	Solicitor or commissioner for oaths (not a solicitor at this firm or the firm used by your husband/wife)	£7.00 - £9.00. Usually payable in cash only.
Instructing a court bailiff/enquiry agent if your husband/wife does not return the Acknowledgement of Service form	Court	£105.00

What work is not included in the fixed fee?

If the divorce is defended, or the matter becomes complex for other reasons (such as the Respondent living abroad) we will discuss our further costs with you. Any further costs will be charges at our normal hourly rates (Madeleine Harrington's hourly rate is currently £150).

If the divorce petition needs to be amended after it has been issued by the court an additional court fee of £90.00 will be required, plus the time taken for us to amend the petition.

Please note our fixed fee divorce does not cover any advice or proceedings relating to property, finances or children. We can provide you with an estimate for this work if required.

Do I still have to pay the full fixed fee even if the divorce does not go through?

If the divorce does not proceed we will charge you on an hourly basis for the work undertaken up to the value of the fixed fee.

Will my husband/wife have to pay my costs?

It is possible to make an application for costs, the decision is always in the discretion of the court. Often applications for costs are made only if the divorce is defended. This approach is common as an application for costs would introduce animosity into the proceedings.

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