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DIVORCE PROCEDURE

Petitioner files the following at court:

1. Divorce petition
2. Statement of arrangements for any children under 16 or over 16 and in full time education
3. Marriage certificate
4. Court fee of £340

If undefended

Respondent returns Acknowledgement of Service form to the court within 7 working days of service of the petition indicating whether they intend to defend the divorce.

If defended

Petitioner swears an affidavit in support of his/her petition and applied to the court for Decree Nisi.

The Respondent files an Answer within 28 days of service of the petition.

District Judge considers the documentation and, if satisfied, certifies that the petitioner is entitled to a decree and fixed a date for the pronouncement of the decree nisi.

DECREE NISI

Pronounced on date fixed by District Judge.

6 weeks and 1 day later the Petitioner can apply for decree absolute. A court fee of £45 is payable at this stage.

If the petitioner does not apply for decree absolute, the Respondent may apply 3 months and 1 day after decree nisi. There may be a brief hearing before a District Judge.

DECREE ABSOLUTE