



In the Royal Court of Jersey Family Division

Make sure you read all notes to help you fill in the form correctly. There is also a separate set of notes which will help you with the procedure to be followed

Divorce Petition

Date of Divorce Petition

Date must be filled in dd/mm/yyyy

The names of the Parties

First names	Surname	
		Petitioner
		Names at Birth
First names	Surname	
		Respondent
		Names at Birth
First names	Surname	
		Co-Respondent

Date of Marriage

dd/mm/yyyy

Place of Marriage

Address where you and your spouse last lived together

My occupation and current address

Occupation

Address

Occupation and current address of my spouse

Occupation

Address

My spouse’s income (tick the appropriate box)



I do not know the extent of my spouse’s income and property	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I believe that my spouse earns £ _____ per annum and has capital of £ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I am able to apply for a divorce in Jersey as I qualify because of the following (tick the appropriate box)⁷

I was habitually resident in Jersey throughout the period of one year ending with the date of the presentation of the petition.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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My spouse was habitually resident in Jersey throughout the period of one year ending with the date of the presentation of the petition.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The parties are both domiciled in the Island of Jersey	

Children

(Tick the appropriate box)

✓

There are no children of the family now living	
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✓

There are children of the family now living				
Give full names of children	Date of Birth	Over 18 ✓	Over 16 at school; at college; in training; profession or vocation	

✓

I have not had any other child/ren born during the marriage	
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✓

I have had other children born during my marriage	
Their names and dates of birth are:	

✓

So far as I know my spouse had no other children born during our marriage	
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✓

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Their names and dates of birth are:	

Is there a dispute as to whether any child is a child of the family?

✓

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

If there is a dispute please give a brief explanation as to what the dispute is about

Previous proceedings

(Tick the appropriate box)

✓

There have been no previous proceedings in the Royal Court of Jersey, the Petty Debts Court or in any other Court elsewhere, concerning my marriage or the child/ren or any property we have	<input type="checkbox"/>
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✓

There have been previous proceedings in the Royal Court of Jersey, the Petty Debts Court or in any other Court elsewhere, with reference to the said marriage or the said child/ren or with reference to any property we have	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Outline details	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(Tick the appropriate box)

✓

There have been no other proceedings in any country outside Jersey which are in respect of the marriage or capable of affecting its validity or subsistence	<input type="checkbox"/>
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✓

There have been other proceedings continuing in any country outside Jersey which are in respect of the marriage or capable of affecting its validity or subsistence ¹⁰	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Outline details

Grounds of Divorce

(Tick the appropriate box and give details below)



<p>My spouse and I have lived apart for a continuous period of at least one year immediately before the date of the application/petition and my spouse consents to a decree being granted Give separation date: Outline details</p>	
<p>My spouse and I have lived apart for a continuous period of at least two years immediately before the date of the petition Give separation date: Outline details</p>	
<p>My spouse deserted me for no good reason at least two years immediately before the date of this petition Give date of desertion: Outline details</p>	

<p>My spouse has, since we were married, behaved in such a way that I cannot reasonably be expected to live with him/her</p> <p>Outline details</p> <p>If you require more space add at end of form under Details Grounds continued</p>	
<p>My spouse has committed adultery with (the co-respondent) and I now find it intolerable to live with him/her</p> <p>Outline details</p>	
<p>My spouse is of unsound mind and has been continuously under care and treatment for at least five years immediately preceding the date of this petition</p> <p>Outline details</p>	
<p>My spouse is serving a sentence of imprisonment of not less than fifteen years</p> <p>Outline details</p>	

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If your petition is based on the grounds either a 1 year or 2 years' separation

(Tick the appropriate box)

✓

No agreement or arrangement has been made or is proposed to be made between my spouse and I for the support of either/both of us and/or any child/ren of the family	
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✓

An agreement or arrangement has been made between my spouse and I for support of either/both of us and/or any child/ren of the family	
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Outline Details of any agreement

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If your petition/application is based on the grounds of adultery or unreasonable behaviour

(Tick box if statement is agreed)

✓

That there has been no connivance or condonation on my part and I have not presented the petition in collusion with my spouse or co-respondent (if applicable)	
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What do you want the Court to order?

(Tick the appropriate boxes)

✓

That my marriage be dissolved	
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That I should be given a residence order in respect of the child/ren of the family	
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That I should be given a contact order in respect of the child/ren of the family	
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That I may be given the following financial support:	
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• child maintenance	
• interim maintenance	
• maintenance for myself	
• secured provision order	
• lump sum order	
• variation of settlements order	
• transfer or sale or settlement of property order	
• that my spouse should be ordered to pay the costs of this petition	
• that my spouse and the co-respondent should be ordered to pay the costs of this petition	
• that each party shall pay their own costs	

Signature
Print your name

My address for service (where the Court will send paperwork)

NOTE

It is useful for the Court to have your contact details.

Your email address and/or mobile number can be handed in with this application to be kept on file so that the Court can contact you quickly should the need arise. Reception also hold contact slips that can be filled in when filing your documents with the Court.

Details Grounds continued (if required)

How to complete the petition

1. A petition for divorce can be made if you have been married for more than 3 years. If you have not been married for more than three years you will need to get legal advice.
2. The petition must be dated.
3. Full names must be given as set out in the marriage certificate, except that the wife's maiden name is always used. If you were a divorced woman or widowed when you married, you **MUST** still use your maiden name. You are the petitioner and your spouse is the respondent. Remember to use the wife's maiden name even if the marriage certificate gives your/her name if she had been married before or was a widow on marriage. You must explain any differences between the name given in your petition and that on your marriage certificate. If either you or your spouse has changed your name(s) since the marriage took place you must explain this, for example by adding:-
 - named changed by deed poll and provide a copy of the Deed Poll
 - now known as.
4. If your petition is for divorce on the grounds of adultery put in the name of the person with whom your spouse has committed adultery.
5. As given on the marriage certificate. Marriage certificates must be original or certified copies. If not in English (or French) and not having an English translation given within the document, a certified translation of the marriage certificate needs to be provided along with the marriage certificate.

6. You must provide addresses and occupations. If you do not want your spouse to have your contact details you need to give an explanation in a letter to the court and request that you can file your paperwork without providing your address.
7. To be able to apply for a divorce in Jersey you have to meet certain criteria, listed in the boxes below. If none of the criteria is met you may not be able to apply for a divorce in Jersey. If you are unsure seek legal advice.
8. Give the address or addresses where you lived during that time and the length of time lived at each address.
9. Give the address or addresses where your spouse lived during that time and the length of time lived at each address.
10. Domicile is a legal term. Court staff are not able to explain this term to you. You will need to find out what this means and decide whether you and your spouse are domiciled in the Island of Jersey.
11. Children considered to be part of the family need to be listed on the petition – a Form 5 - Statement of Arrangements for the Children form must also be filed at court and then served with the petition, F3 and F4 on your spouse (the respondent).
12. Give details of the proceedings - include dates, what the proceedings were about and case reference numbers if available.
13. Give details of the proceedings - include details of where the proceedings took place, dates, what they were about and case reference numbers if available.
14. Indicate the ground(s) you want to base your divorce upon. If you are unsure, you will need to seek legal advice.
15. Give a brief outline of the circumstances of the separation including the separation dates. For other grounds you will need to give brief details as to the circumstances that led to your separation.
16. For unreasonable behaviour you will need to list the unreasonable behaviours upon which you are relying for the divorce.
17. Tick the boxes that you think are or may be relevant to your case
18. Your spouse has a right to know if you are seeking costs from him/her.