

If either option matches your situation, you should:

- tick the box next to the appropriate statement; and
- then tick the box by the connection which matches.

If none of the connections described above, whether under the Regulations or residual jurisdiction, matches your situation, the court will not have jurisdiction to deal with your application.

If you are completing this form and need help in deciding which connection applies, you should seek legal advice particularly in international cases.

Part 4: Other proceedings or arrangements

You should indicate, if there have been other proceedings in England and Wales, or elsewhere, concerning:

- your marriage/civil partnership
- any child of the family
- any property belonging to either you or to the Respondent.

This includes any proceedings relating to the marriage/civil partnership, or to any child of the family even if the proceedings have now finished or were abandoned without a final decision being made.

You should give details of the name of the court in which the proceedings took place, details of the order(s) which were made, details of any future hearings and, if proceedings were about your marriage/civil partnership, say whether you and the Respondent resumed living together as husband and wife/civil partners after the order was made.

If there have been proceedings in a court outside England and Wales which have affected the marriage/civil partnership, or may affect it, please give the name of the country and the court in which they are taking/have taken place, the date the proceedings were begun and the names of the parties, details of the order(s) made and if no order has yet been made, the date of any future hearing(s).

Part 5: The fact(s)

Tick the appropriate box(es) to include the fact(s) you intend to prove your application based on whether you are applying to annul your marriage or civil partnership. The notes below provide some explanation of the various options. (Please note that the options for marriage and civil partnership are listed separately on the petition, but are combined where appropriate in these notes. You must only select the option(s) relevant to the type of relationship you are in, and can only select either void or voidable options.) However, if you are unsure which (if any) might apply in your situation, you should seek legal advice.

Prohibited degrees of relationship within a marriage or civil partnership

If you and your spouse/civil partner are closely related to each other your marriage/civil partnership may be void. A full list of the relations you can not legally marry/form a civil partnership with can be found in Part 1 of the First Schedule of the Marriage Act 1949 and in Schedule 1 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004. These Acts can be found on the Office of Public Sector Information website www.opsi.gov.uk or you may be able to locate them at your local reference library. More information on the prohibited degrees is also available on the DirectGov website www.direct.gov.uk and from your local divorce court. You may be able to apply for an annulment based on you and your spouse/civil partner being within the prohibited degrees of relationship.

Age at time of marriage/civil partnership

If either you or your spouse/civil partner was under the age of 16 at the time of the marriage or civil