

Take or send the completed petition to the court together with the court fee and any documents you are attaching in support of your application. If you are not sure about the court fee payable for your application, or you think that you may be exempt from paying all or part of the fee, you can go to [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk) or contact the court for more information.

Complete the form as fully as you are able. If the form is not fully completed the court may be unable to issue your application and this may delay your case.

If you entered into a religious marriage as well as a civil marriage, these presumption of death and dissolution proceedings may not end the religious part of your marriage. It is important that you contact the relevant religious authority which authorised the marriage to see whether or not you should take steps to end that marriage. If you do not end the religious marriage, this could have consequences for you and your children.

### **Marriage/Civil Partnership certificate**

In this form any reference to a marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate means a certified copy of the entry in the Register of Marriages or Register of Civil Partnerships. If you do not have the original marriage/civil partnership certificate, you can apply for a certified copy from the General Register Office or from the relevant Register Office. For further details please contact the General Register Office, PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD (0845 603 7788).

If you married or entered into a civil partnership outside of England and Wales you should contact the relevant authorities in the appropriate country to obtain a certificate.

In cases of emergency applications it may be possible for you to provide an undertaking to the court to deliver the original or a certified copy of the marriage/civil partnership certificate to the court at a later date.

### **Assistance in completing the form**

The notes below will help you to complete the petition. However if you are unsure about any of the questions or how to answer them you may wish to seek legal advice.

**Page 1:** Insert the full name by which you are currently known, and then confirm what you are applying for by ticking the appropriate box.

### **Part 1: About you (the Petitioner) and the Respondent**

You are known as the Petitioner. Your spouse or civil partner is known as the Respondent. You should enter your current details and the Respondent's last known details as fully as you know them.

#### **Occupation**

Please give your occupation and the last one of the Respondent. If you are not in current employment, please state 'Unemployed/retired/carer' or some other description of your situation.

### **Part 2: Details of marriage/civil partnership**

It is important that the details are entered exactly as they are shown on your marriage or civil partnership certificate.

You should attach a certified copy of the marriage/civil partnership certificate together with any other supporting documents regarding any change of name (such as a certified copy of a change of name deed). Photocopies cannot be accepted. If you married or entered into a civil partnership in a foreign country and your marriage/civil partnership certificate is in the language of that country, you must