

Answer to a divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation or nullity petition

To be completed by the Respondent	
Name of court	
Case No.	
To be completed by the court	
Date received by the court	
Date issued	

Notes to Respondents

- This form should be completed if you wish to defend the divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or nullity petition issued by your spouse/civil partner. This could be because you do not agree that your marriage/civil partnership has irretrievably broken down, or you wish to defend allegations made against you by your spouse/civil partner.
- If you wish to apply for a divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or an annulment against your spouse or civil partner you should complete your own petition. This will be issued within the existing case, and the judge will determine the outcome.
- If there is not enough room on the form, you may continue on a separate sheet. Please put the Petitioner's name, your name and the number of the Part to which the information relates, at the head of any continuation sheet.
- References to supporting notes for guidance relate to the relevant sections in the **Supporting notes for guidance on completing a divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation or nullity petition**. If you require any further assistance with this form please seek legal advice.
- If completing this form by hand, please use **black ink and BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS** and tick the boxes that apply.

Notes to Co-Respondents

- If you have been named in a divorce/judicial separation application as a Co-Respondent and you wish to defend the application, you should complete Parts 3-8 of this form.
- You should amend any references to 'my spouse/civil partner' to 'the Petitioner' and references to 'Respondent' to 'Co-Respondent'.

I, (please state your full name)

wish to defend the application made by my ☐ spouse ☐ civil partner

(please state their full name)

for ☐ divorce ☐ dissolution ☐ (judicial) separation ☐ nullity which was issued at

(please state the name of the court)

under case number (please state the case number)

Please treat this as my answer to the petition.