

Notice of proceedings and acknowledgement of service – maintenance/ property proceedings

Name of court	Case No.
Name of Applicant	
Name of Respondent	

You should read carefully this Notice of Proceedings before answering the questions that follow

Notice of Proceedings

An application for an order on the grounds of –

- [a failure to provide reasonable maintenance]
- [alteration of a maintenance agreement during the lifetime of the parties]
- [under section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act 1882]
- [under section 66 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004]

has been presented to the court. A sealed copy of the application and a copy of the Applicant's statement of truth in support are delivered with this notice.

1. You must complete the acknowledgement of service and send it so that it reaches the court **within 14 days** after you receive this notice. Delay in returning this form may add to the costs.
2. **Where the application is for failure to provide reasonable maintenance** and you wish to challenge the jurisdiction of the court to hear the application, you must file in the court a statement of truth setting out the grounds of your challenge. Where you do not wish to challenge the jurisdiction of the court (or where the court decides the question of jurisdiction in the Applicant's favour) you must file a statement in support verified by a statement of truth stating:
 - (a) whether the alleged failure is admitted or denied, and if denied the grounds on which you rely;
 - (b) any allegation which you wish to make against the Applicant; and
 - (c) full particulars of your property and income, unless otherwise directed.
3. **Where the application is for alteration of a maintenance agreement** and you wish to defend the application you must file a statement of truth in answer to the application, setting out any grounds on which you intend to contest the application and containing full particulars of your property and income.
4. **Where the application is made under Section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act 1882** and you wish to dispute the application made by the Applicant you must file a statement of truth in answer to the application, setting out any grounds on which you intend to rely.

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