

## Notice of proceedings and acknowledgement of service under section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act 1882/section 66 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

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 –

- [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 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. **If** you wish to dispute the application made by the Applicant you must file a statement in answer to the application, setting out any grounds on which you wish to rely.
3. Any statement in answer must be sent, together with a copy for the Applicant, so as to reach the Court after the time allowed for sending the acknowledgement of service.
4. If you intend to instruct a solicitor to act for you, you should show them all the documents that have been served on you, so that they may send the acknowledgement to the Court on your behalf. If you do not intend to instruct a solicitor, you should give an address in the acknowledgement of service so that any documents affecting your interests which are sent to you will, in fact, reach you. This address should be your place of residence or, if you do not reside in England and Wales the address of a place in England and Wales to which documents may be sent to you.

**Please make certain that you notify the court immediately if you change your address.**

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