

## Supporting notes for guidance on completing a nullity petition

### Important

You should complete this form if you wish to apply to the court to annul your marriage or civil partnership.

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. Please see leaflet **D191 – About Annulment** for more details, a copy of which can be obtained from either a family county court or by going to [www.justice.gov.uk](http://www.justice.gov.uk).

In cases of urgent 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.

If you are attaching any order of the High Court or a county court to your petition, it must be a sealed copy of the order (that is, a copy that has been stamped with the seal of the court). If you are attaching an order made by a Family Proceedings Court/magistrates' court, it must be a certified copy (a copy certified by a court officer to be a true copy of the original order), or a copy that has been stamped with the seal of the originating court. If you are in any doubt about what is needed, please contact the court where you are applying for assistance.

Take or send the completed form to the court together with the court fee and any documents you are attaching in support of your application. You will also need to give the court a copy of the petition and documents for the Respondent. If you are not sure about the court fee payable for your petition, 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 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.

### Assistance in completing the form

The notes below will help you to complete the form. 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 current details as fully as you know them, making sure you enter the names by which you are both currently known.

If you do not wish to disclose your or your child(ren)'s address, for example because you may feel threatened by the Respondent knowing where you live, or because there is a history of domestic violence, you can leave the details blank and complete Confidential contact details, form **C8**.

#### Occupation

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