

Statement in support of divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation – desertion

Section 1(2)(c) Matrimonial Causes Act 1973  
Section 44(5)(d) Civil Partnership Act 2004

To be completed by the Petitioner	
Name of court	Case No.
Name of Petitioner	
Name of Respondent	

If completing this form by hand, please use **black ink and BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS** and tick the boxes that apply.

About the petition

1. Have you read the petition for ☐ divorce ☐ dissolution ☐ (judicial) separation in this case?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Do you wish to alter or add to any statement in the divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation petition?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the alterations or additions to be made.

3. Subject to these alterations or additions (if any) is everything stated in your divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation petition true?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If any statement is not within your own knowledge, please indicate this and state whether it is true to the best of your information and belief.

4. State the date on which you and the Respondent separated, and, if different the date on which the alleged desertion began.

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5. Did you agree to the separation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. State briefly the facts you rely on in support of the allegation that the Respondent deserted you, and your reason for saying that the desertion continued up to the presentation of the divorce / dissolution / (judicial) separation petition.

7. Did the Respondent ever offer to resume cohabitation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please explain the circumstances and why the offer was refused.

8. State, as far as you know, the various addresses at which you and the Respondent have respectively lived since the date that the Respondent deserted you and the periods of residence at each address.

From/to (dd/mm/yy)	Petitioner's address	From/to (dd/mm/yy)	Respondent's address

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9. Since the date that the Respondent deserted you, have you ever lived with the Respondent in the same household (there can be more than one household at the same address)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, state the address and the period giving dates to the best of your knowledge or belief.

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## About the children of the family

10. Have you read the statement of arrangements filed in this case?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

11. Do you wish to alter anything in the statement of arrangements or add to it?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

If Yes, state the alterations or additions.

12. Subject to these alterations and additions (if any) is everything stated in the statement of arrangements true?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

If any statement is not within your own knowledge, indicate this and state whether it is true and correct to the best of your information and belief.

If you are attaching an acknowledgement of service and/ or a copy of the statement of arrangements you must tick the relevant box(es)

☐ I identify the signature   
(please insert the name of the Respondent as it has been signed on their acknowledgement of service) that appears on the document, which I have attached to this statement and marked 'A' as the signature of my ☐ husband ☐ wife ☐ civil partner, who is the Respondent in these proceedings.

☐ I identify the signature   
appearing at Part 4 of the Statement of arrangements dated // which I have attached to this statement and marked 'B' as the signature of the Respondent.

I ask the court to grant a decree /an order dissolving my ☐ marriage ☐ civil partnership, or ☐ for (judicial) separation from the Respondent on the fact(s) stated in my petition

☐ and (provided you have applied for costs in your petition for divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation) to order the Respondent to pay the costs of this application.

### Statement of Truth – the Petitioner must complete and sign this section

I believe that the facts stated in this statement in support of the petition for divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation are true

Print full name

Signed  Dated //

**Proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against a person who makes or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth.**