

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.

Part 1

In the case of divorce/dissolution only –

Do you agree that the marriage/civil partnership has irretrievably broken down?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, please explain why:

Part 2

In divorce/dissolution cases based on five years' separation only –

Do you oppose the granting of a decree/an order on the ground that the divorce/dissolution will result in grave financial or other hardship?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

Part 3 Statement of case

See the supporting notes for guidance

(In all cases, please give details of your reasons for defending the application or the allegations made against you.)

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Part 4 Orders requested

- ☐ For the reasons above I ask the court to dismiss the Petitioner's application
- ☐ Other

If Other, please specify any other order requested, apart from a costs order (see Part 5).

Part 5 Costs

Please select the statement which applies:

- ☐ I wish the court to order that my spouse/civil partner pay the costs of these proceedings
or
☐ I do not wish to claim costs.

Part 6 Special assistance or facilities if you attend court

See the supporting notes for guidance

If you are required to attend court during these proceedings will you need any special assistance or facilities?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

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Part 7 Service details

See the supporting notes for guidance

- ☐ I am not represented by a solicitor in these proceedings
- ☐ I am not represented by a solicitor in these proceedings but am receiving advice from a solicitor
- ☐ I am represented by a solicitor in these proceedings and all documents for my attention should be sent to my solicitor whose details are as follows:

My/Solicitor's details

Name (of solicitor if applicable)			
Name of firm (if applicable)			
Address to which all documents should be sent for service Postcode <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Telephone no.		
	Fax no.		
	DX no.		
	Your ref.		
E-mail			

Part 8

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Print full name	<input type="text"/>		
Name of Respondent's solicitor's firm	<input type="text"/>		
Signed	<input type="text"/>	Dated	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
*(Respondent) (Respondent's solicitor)			
Position or office held (if signing on behalf of firm or company)	<input type="text"/>		