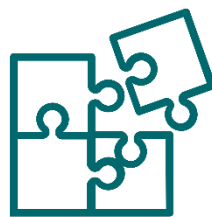


RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWN

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How can we help you?

Divorce can be very stressful, and we believe choosing and working with your Lawyer should not add to that stress. We offer an experience and competitive service with Lawyers who can take you through each stage of the process.

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- 15 Minutes Free Advice
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No Fault Divorce

A No Fault Divorce allows couples to leave their marriage without having to use one of the five facts to prove your marriage has 'irretrievably broken down', you can simply make a declaration together saying that it has.

Can a couple jointly apply for a no fault divorce?

Yes. A couple can apply for a no fault divorce singly or jointly. Previously one spouse had to issue divorce proceedings against the other. The new law doesn't change that a solicitor can only act for one of you in any child or financial arrangements. There might be the need to consider what would happen if one of you changes your mind due to a breakdown during discussions on child or financial arrangements.

How long does a no fault divorce take?

If everything therefore runs smoothly and there are no other issues, the minimum length of time to get a divorce now will be six months.

- No Fault Divorce process.
- A couple apply for a divorce individually or together. This means they can choose to make a statement together explaining their marriage has irretrievably broken down. They don't need to explain why.
- A period of 20 weeks will apply as a 'cooling off period'
- After 20 weeks and the couple are still looking to proceed, a Conditional Order is granted by the court. At this point you can now file a financial consent order with the court following the Condition Order being granted and (if you are having one) the financial order sealed (agreed) you can apply for your final divorce order
- A 6-week period
- After the 6 weeks is over a Final Order is made by the court.
- The minimum length of time to get a No Fault Divorce will be 6 months.

Can you contest a no fault divorce?

No, you cannot contest a no fault divorce. The reason for contesting a divorce is the mistaken belief that admitting fault will affect access to children and the fair division of financial assets. Although a no fault divorce cannot be contested, the terms of the divorce can. For example, financial arrangements and arrangements for children. In this case terms may be agreed through mediation or, failing that, through the court.

What happens about the parenting arrangements and finances?

You will need to reach an agreement on how the arrangements for parenting and how the assets and finances are agreed whilst living separately, as these are separate parts of your divorce and are not covered under the no fault divorce law. If you are having difficulty on coming to an agreement between yourselves, mediation is the next reasonable step as it is a pre-requisite for going to court for a decision in most cases.

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Something to think about

Did you know that once Decree Absolute has been issued by the Courts and your Divorce is finalized, the terms of your Will have affected automatically?

It is common practice when making a Will during your marriage that the majority of your assets are left to your spouse, but when your Divorce is legally completed anything that has been gifted to them will be dealt with as if they died on the date that your Marriage legally ended. As a result of this, whatever they were set to inherit would then be passed on to the next Beneficiary who is entitled to it, in line with the terms of the Will. However, if you are still legally married your Will remains legally valid, and your spouse is still entitled to benefit under the terms of the Will.

If everything has been left to your spouse, with no other beneficiaries named, then your estate will be dealt with under the rules of intestacy.

Taking this into account it is important to review your Will to ensure that your new wishes are followed.

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