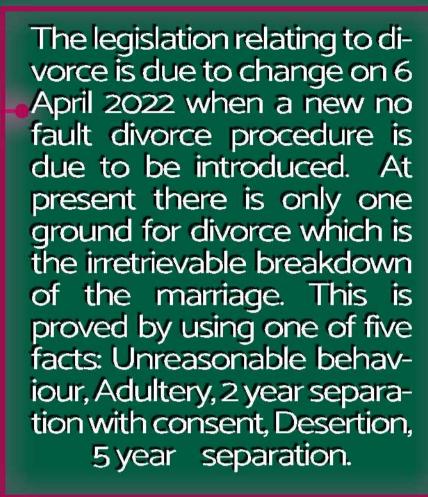
DIVORCE

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Before you are able to file for divorce, you must have entered into a legally recognised marriage in the United Kingdom and have been married for at least 12 months. Divorce petitions are now issued using the online portal



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A hearing will be listed only if petition is defended or if any claim for costs is defended



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The Respondent is given 14 days to send their response to the petition.

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Decree Nisi Hearing: The Court will simply read the names and grant the Decree Nisi. Copies are sent to each party.



If the petition is not defended, and if the judge is satisfied that the correct procedure has been followed and the facts are sufficient to establish an irretrievable breakdown of marriage, the court will place the petition in the list for Decree Nisi and confirms the date and time for the pronouncement of the Decree Nisi to the parties. This is an interim hearing before the final decree is made.



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Apply for Decree Absolute. The petitioner can apply for a Decree Absolute 6 weeks and a day after the date of the Decree Nisi. Once the Court receives the application from the Petitioner it will be placed before a Judge who will consider the application as a paper exercise without court attendance unless the application made for decree absolute is defended. The date of the Decree Absolute is the date your marriage comes to an end.