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| **Next Steps for your ‘No Fault Complaint for Divorce’** |

Congratulations {{ users }}! You have finished the guided interview for the Complaint needed to file a No-Fault Divorce in Massachusetts. This sheet should give you enough information to determine what is next in your goal to end your marriage with {{ other\_parties[0]}}.

## Next steps

1. Print and sign the “Complaint for Divorce.”
2. Complete all other required paperwork including:
   1. Certified copy of your marriage certificate;
   2. Record of Absolute Divorce;
   3. Military Affidavit; and
   4. A completed financial statement.
   5. (Children) Affidavit of Care and Custody
   6. (Children) Child support guidelines worksheet
3. File all the required paperwork, including this complaint, with the court now.
   1. Call the {{ trial\_court }} {{ showifdef('trial\_court.phone\_number') }} to find out how they want you to submit your forms to them.
   2. {%p if defined('trial\_court.address.address') %} The address of your court, if you need it, is:   
      {{ trial\_court.address.on\_one\_line() }}.
   3. {%p endif %}
4. Formally serve {{ showifdef('other\_parties[0]') }} or their attorney.
   1. Consult separate section to complete service.
5. **Keep a copy for yourself.**
6. The clerk can provide you with information on timelines to expect for your divorce hearings.

## Trouble finding the other paperwork?

1. Certified copy of marriage certificate
   1. This can be ordered from your town’s [Registry of Vital Records](https://www.mass.gov/how-to/order-a-birth-marriage-or-death-certificate).
   2. It can be ordered online and should take 2-3 weeks to be filled.
2. Record of Absolute Divorce
   1. Reporting document for the registry of vital records.
   2. The form is available [online](https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2017/09/01/r408.pdf).
3. Military Affidavit
   1. This form is available [online](https://www.mass.gov/doc/military-affidavit/download).
4. Financial Statement
   1. Financial Statements are complicated documents. It is highly suggested you seek specialist help with them if possible.
   2. They are also available online with information on how to complete them.
5. (children) Affidavit of Care and Custody
6. (children) Child support guidelines worksheet

## Serving the other party

1. Deliver a copy to your spouse or their attorney.
2. {{ other\_parties }}must get a copy of this form. Deliver a copy by hand, mail, or electronic filing.
3. If you are unsure how to properly serve a party you can get assistance through the Court Service Center.

## Need additional help?

There is a variety of resources available to you in Massachusetts depending on your income and legal status in the case.

If you are representing yourself because you do not have an attorney, the Court Service Center is available to help you in some ways. They can be reached through Zoom or in-person visits. Consult [their website](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/court-service-centers) for more information on current hours.

Depending on your income and location there may be a legal aid group that can provide you with some level of assistance in this process. Consult the [Massachusetts Legal Resource Finder](https://masslrf.org/en/home) to find more specific groups that can assist you.

Call the CLERK to determine any information specific to their courthouse.