Respond to a divorce application
Acknowledgement of service by the co-respondent

Applicant: John Doe
Respondent: Jane Doe
Co-respondent: JJ DDDDD
Reason for divorce: Adultery

Case number: LV17D80100

Return this response to:
Courts and Tribunals Service Centre
c/o HMCTS Digital Divorce
PO Box 12706
Harlow, CM20 9QT
Email: divorcecase@justice.gov.uk
Phone: 0300 303 0642
(Monday to Friday: 8am to 8pm,
Saturday 8am to 2pm)

You need to respond to the divorce application within 7 working days of receiving it

If you live outside of England and Wales, then you may have more days to reply to this divorce. Please refer to this link: https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/family/practice_directions/pd_part_06b

1. **Have you read the application for divorce?**

   ☐ Yes

   ☐ No

You will need to refer to the **divorce application** while you complete this form.

2. **When did you receive the application for divorce?**

   Date

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Please give the date you received the application.

3. **Do you admit to committing the adultery described in the divorce application?**

   Check the **reason for divorce** and **supporting information** part of the divorce application to answer this.

   ☐ Yes, I admit to committing the adultery

   ☐ No, I do not admit to committing the adultery

If you don't admit to the adultery, then the applicant may have to provide further details or evidence to satisfy the court that the adultery took place. This could make the divorce take longer, and still result in you being ordered to pay the divorce costs.

If you admit to the adultery then it may result in you having to pay the applicant's divorce costs if they've claimed them from you. This could include their court fees and legal costs (for example solicitor fees).

You should speak to a solicitor if you're not sure.

4. **How do you want to respond to the divorce application?**

☐ I will let the divorce proceed (I don't intend to 'defend' it).

☐ I disagree with the application for divorce (I intend to 'defend' it).

If you defend the divorce
You'll need to submit another form (known as the 'answer') with your reason for defending the divorce.

Go to www.gov.uk and search for form **'D8B: Answer a divorce, dissolution, (judicial) separation or nullity petition or application'**.

You'll also have to pay a £245 fee.

You have 21 days to submit your answer from the date you received the divorce application.

If you don't submit the answer by the deadline, the applicant will usually be able to continue with the divorce as if you didn't defend it.

5. If the applicant has claimed their divorce costs from you, do you agree to pay them?

Check the part of the divorce application called **costs orders** to answer this question.

☐ I agree to pay some or all of the divorce costs (give details below)

☐ I should not pay any costs, and will give my reasons (give details below)

Further details:

As part of the divorce application the applicant is allowed to ask to claim the costs of the divorce from you and the respondent.

This could include all the fees during the divorce, such as the £550 application fee, solicitor fees, and any extra court fees.

If you don't want to pay these costs, you must provide a reason why. You may also need to go to a hearing to explain your objection.

If you're responding to the divorce application yourself, complete this part

Statement of truth

I confirm that:
- I am the person named as the respondent in this application for divorce.
- I believe that the facts stated in this application are true.

The statement of truth must only be completed by the person named as the respondent in the divorce application. You could be fined or imprisoned for contempt of court if you deliberately submit false information.

Signed

Date

Contact details

Home address

You only need to enter a new home address if it isn't correct in the divorce application.

You can also ask that your new address is kept confidential if you wish.

Correspondence address

Provide a correspondence address if you want your divorce papers sent to an address other than your home address.

Email address (optional):

If the court needs to contact you, it will be able to do so more quickly if you provide your email address and phone number. These will not be shared with the applicant.

Phone number (optional):

If you're a solicitor responding on behalf of a client, complete this part

The respondent believes that the facts stated in this application are true.

I am/We are acting for the respondent in this matter.

Signed

Solicitor for the Respondent

Date

Service address

Email address

Phone number