



## FAMILY LAW COURTS

# Online Application for Divorce

There are a number of steps involved  
in applying for a divorce.

To simplify this process,  
the Family Law Courts has developed  
an online Application for Divorce.

## What is the online divorce application?

The online divorce application is an electronic web-based form available at **[www.divorce.gov.au](http://www.divorce.gov.au)**. The online version has the same questions as the hardcopy divorce application. However, the online divorce application is designed to be faster and easier to complete, and provides online instructions to help you complete the form accurately.

## How does the online divorce application work?

The online divorce application works by presenting you with a series of questions, some require validation before you can proceed to the next page. This function will highlight the question/s you must answer (for example, the date of marriage and date of separation) and provide you with an explanation.

Another unique feature of the online divorce application is that it only presents you with questions applicable to your situation and hides questions that are irrelevant. For example, if you indicate there are no children of the marriage, further questions relating to children will not appear in the form.

The online divorce application features pop-up messages that appear when you provide certain answers. For example, a pop-up message will appear if you indicate that you do not have a copy of your marriage certificate. Additionally, certain questions provide links to more information to help you complete the form.

## Can I save the online divorce application?

Yes, you can save the completed divorce application to your home or office computer. Once completed, the form is automatically converted into PDF (Portable Document Format) format and cannot be amended.

## Can I lodge the online divorce application electronically?

No. At this stage, you cannot lodge (file) your online divorce application electronically. When completed, you will need to print the divorce application and file it with the Court in person or by post. For more information about the filing process and requirements:

- see the Application for Divorce Kit at **[www.familylawcourts.gov.au](http://www.familylawcourts.gov.au)**, or
- call the National Enquiry Centre (NEC) on **1300 352 000**.

## What happens to my personal details?

All personal details (data) entered into the form are stored on a secure and confidential database, which is separate from the Court's main case management system. The data is stored on this database for 28 days. After this time, all data is permanently deleted. The purpose of storing the data is to assist with any enquiries relating to a complete or incomplete online divorce application.

## Who can I contact if I'm experiencing technical difficulties?

If you experience technical difficulties completing the online divorce application:

- call **1300 352 000**, or
- email **[enquiries@familylawcourts.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@familylawcourts.gov.au)**

## How much does it cost?

It does not cost you anything to complete the online divorce application. You must pay a fee when you file the divorce application with the Court, unless you are eligible for a fee exemption or waiver. For more information on fees and how to pay them:

- go to **[www.familylawcourts.gov.au](http://www.familylawcourts.gov.au)** (under Fees), or
- call **1300 352 000**.

## What if I don't want to complete the online divorce application?

If you don't want to complete your divorce application electronically you have the following options:

- download a hardcopy from **[www.familylawcourts.gov.au](http://www.familylawcourts.gov.au)**
- call **1300 352 000**, or
- visit your nearest family law registry.

## More information

If you have any questions regarding  
the online divorce application  
call **1300 352 000**

or email **[enquiries@familylawcourts.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@familylawcourts.gov.au)**