

Application for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce) ①

FORM 1

Family Law Rules – r. 6.01

Please type or print clearly and mark [X] all boxes that apply. Attach extra pages if you need more space to answer any questions.

Filed in:

- Family Division of the High Court
 Family Division of the Magistrates' Court

Application by:

- husband alone
 wife alone
 both parties jointly

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File number: _____

Filed at: _____

Filed on: _____

Hearing —

Place:

Date:

Time:

Part A About the husband and wife

- *A sole applicant – complete your column and as much of the other column as you can.*
- *Joint applicants – complete both columns.*

HUSBAND

1. Full name as used now (including father's name ("f/n"), if necessary for identification; surname underlined, if applicable)

2. Residential address

Phone

3. Usual occupation

4. Address for service in the Fiji Islands

(Mark one only)

- Residential address, as above
 Postal, work or other address (insert):

Solicitor (insert particulars):

Solicitor's name:

Firm name:

Address:

WIFE

- Full name as used now (including father's name ("f/n"), if necessary for identification; surname underlined, if applicable)

Residential address

Phone

Usual occupation

Address for service in the Fiji Islands

(Mark one only)

- Residential address, as above
 Postal, work or other address (insert):

Solicitor (insert particulars):

Solicitor's name:

Firm name:

Address:

5. Basis of jurisdiction

MARK [x] **EVERY** BOX THAT APPLIES TO THE HUSBAND AND **EVERY** BOX THAT APPLIES TO THE WIFE

HUSBAND

- Fiji Islands citizen
- Currently lives and intends to live permanently in the Fiji Islands
- Ordinarily lives in the Fiji Islands and has done so for 12 months immediately before filing of this application

WIFE

- Fiji Islands citizen
- Currently lives and intends to live permanently in the Fiji Islands
- Ordinarily lives in the Fiji Islands and has done so for 12 months immediately before filing of this application

Part B About the marriage

Provide the following information directly from your **marriage certificate**.

6. On what date, at what place and in which country did you get married?

DAY / MONTH / YEAR	TOWN / CITY / LOCALITY	COUNTRY
/ /		

7. Names as they appear on the marriage certificate

Husband

Wife

Part C About the break-down of the marriage and any reconciliation

You must have been separated from your spouse for not less than 12 months before you sign this application and file it with the Court.

8. When did you separate?

/ /
 Day / Month / Year

9. Was the date you wrote at item 8 the date on which you regarded the marriage as over?

Yes

No On what date did you regard the marriage as over?

HUSBAND

DAY / MONTH / YEAR

/ /

WIFE

DAY / MONTH / YEAR

/ /

You should be prepared to provide the Court with information about what happened or what was said on that date to show that one or both of you intended to end the marriage.

10. At any time after you separated, have you and your spouse resumed living together?

No

Yes PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS

Day / Month / Year		Day / Month / Year		Period	
From	/ /	to	/ /	months	days
From	/ /	to	/ /	months	days

11. Do you think it likely that you will live together again as husband and wife?

No

Yes

12. Have you attempted reconciliation?

No

Yes BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE ATTEMPT

Part D About other Court cases and orders

Before the Court can decide your Application for Dissolution of Marriage, it needs to know:

13. Do you have proceedings for an order of nullity?

(Proceedings for dissolution of marriage will not proceed if proceeding for nullity is before the Court — s.33)

No

Yes

14. Are there any ongoing cases in this or any other Court on any other family law matters that involve any of the parties or any of the children listed on this Form?

No GO TO ITEM 16

Yes PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS

Court name and place	Court file number	Next court date
		/ /

Names of parties to application

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Nature of proceedings

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CASE, PLEASE ATTACH AN EXTRA PAGE, NUMBERING THE NEXT CASE ITEM 14, PAGE 2 AND SO ON.

15. Are orders already granted?

No GO TO ITEM 16

Yes **EITHER** attach a full copy of the order, parenting plan, agreement or undertaking **OR** set out details below (attach extra pages if you need extra space, numbering them Item 15, page 2, and so on)

Attached is/are copy/copies of the following (*mark [X] the boxes that apply*)

court order undertaking parenting plan agreement

OR

GIVE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

Court name and place	Court file number	Date
	/ /	/ /

Names of parties

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Details of the order / undertaking / agreement / parenting plan

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE CASE, PLEASE ATTACH AN EXTRA PAGE, NUMBERING THE NEXT CASE ITEM 15, PAGE 2, AND SO ON.

Part E About the Children under 18

16. Are there any children of the marriage currently under 18?

Include:

- Any children of you and your spouse born before the marriage or after separation.
- Children adopted by you and your spouse (or either of you with the consent of the other)
- Any other child (including a child of neither of you) who was treated as a member of your family immediately before your final separation.

No GO TO PART F **Yes** COMPLETE ITEMS 17 AND 18

17. Give the following details for each child:

	Full name	M/F	Date of birth	Relationship to parties
Child 1:			/ /	
Child 2:			/ /	
Child 3:			/ /	
Child 4:			/ /	
Child 5:			/ /	
Child 6:			/ /	
Child 7:			/ /	
Child 8:			/ /	

IF THERE ARE MORE CHILDREN, PLEASE ATTACH AN EXTRA PAGE, NUMBERING IT ITEM 18, PAGE 2.

18. The Court needs to determine whether the arrangements for your children are proper in all the circumstances. To assist the Court to do this, please set out below the arrangements for the children including details about their home, schooling, health, financial support (including any maintenance paid for them), their contact with each of their parents and any other matter you consider will assist the Court.

19. Do you propose any changes to the arrangements described in item 18?

- No
- Yes Please provide details, in relation to each child, of any significant changes that are planned – for example, changing residence, schooling arrangements or supervision:

Part F Affidavit of applicant(s)

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THIS PART OF THE FORM UNTIL YOU ARE WITH A PERSON WHO IS LEGALLY ABLE TO WITNESS YOUR SIGNATURE – PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UNLESS IT IS AT LEAST 12 MONTHS SINCE THE DATE YOU SEPARATED.

You must complete the following affidavit. You must sign it in the presence of a Justice of the Peace, notary public or lawyer. The person witnessing the affidavit will fill in the place and date.

Both the husband and wife are to sign the affidavit ONLY if you are applying together. You may do so before different persons and at different times or before the same witness on the same occasion. If only one of you is applying for the divorce, only you are to sign the affidavit. You do not have to ask your spouse.

Husband

I swear*/affirm* that:

- I am the*/an* applicant;
- I have read this application;
- the facts of which I have personal knowledge are true; and
- all other facts are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of husband

Place

Date

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Before me *(signature of witness)*

Full name of witness *(please print)*

- Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Oaths
 Notary
 Lawyer

Wife

I swear*/affirm* that:

- I am the*/an* applicant;
- I have read this application;
- the facts of which I have personal knowledge are true; and
- all other facts are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of wife

Place

Date

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Before me *(signature of witness)*

Full name of witness *(please print)*

- Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Oaths
 Notary
 Lawyer

* Delete whichever is inapplicable

This application was prepared by:

- applicant(s)
 lawyer for applicant(s)

PRINT LAWYER'S FIRM NAME

Notice of Application — Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce)

Complete this notice if you are applying on your own, then pin the notice to the front of the copy of the Application for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce) to be served on your spouse.

To (name and address of spouse)

In the attached application your spouse is applying for divorce. The Court has set down the hearing of this application at the time and place shown on page 1 of the Application for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce).

WHAT STEPS YOU NEED TO TAKE AS THE RECIPIENT OF THIS NOTICE

- 1** You should check the details given by your spouse in the attached application to make sure that they are correct to the best of your knowledge.
- 2** You should sign, date and return the attached Acknowledgment of Service (Form 21) to the person who served the Application for Divorce.
- 3** **If you want the divorce to be granted**, you do not have to file any other documents.
- 4** **If you want the divorce to be granted**, but you disagree with facts contained in the application, you may file a Response (Marital Status Proceedings) (Form 4) and appear in person on the hearing date.
- 5** **If you do not want the divorce to be granted** you must complete a Response (Marital Status Proceedings) (Form 4) asking for the application to be dismissed. You will need to set out grounds on which you seek the dismissal. You will need to file the Response with the Court:
 - if the application was served in the Fiji Islands, within 28 days after it was served; or
 - if it was served overseas, within 42 days of the application being served.After filing the Response with the Court you must also serve a copy of it on your spouse. You can obtain instructions on how to serve it from the court registry.

You must come to the hearing. If you do not attend, the Court may determine the Application for Divorce in your absence.

PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE

If you have not applied to the Court for orders about property or maintenance, you may do so by a separate application (Form 9 for applications relating to property only or to both property and maintenance; Form 5 for applications for maintenance only) within 2 years of the date the divorce becomes final. After that time you must obtain the permission of the Court to apply.

Signature of Registry Officer _____ Date / /