

Procedures for Filing a No-Fault Divorce Joint Petition

1. Obtain your Marriage Certificate from the City or Town clerk where you were married. If you have difficulty, consult us and we will help. Sometimes they are recorded in the municipality where the bride resided, and some states have state-wide registries. We have a complete list.
2. If you have minor children, register for Parenting Education classes. The list of locations is on our website.
3. Obtain and complete the following forms from our website or the Registry of Probate:
 - Joint petition for Divorce
 - Affidavit of Irretrievable Breakdown
 - Affidavit Disclosing Care and Custody Proceedings
 - Financial Statements (one for each party)
 - Vital Statistic Form R-408
 - Request for Assignment (Mark-Up slip)
4. File the following completed forms by mail or in person with the Registry of Probate:
 - Joint petition for Divorce
 - Affidavit of Irretrievable Breakdown
 - Affidavit Disclosing Care and Custody Proceedings
 - Financial Statements (one for each party)
 - Vital Statistic Form R-408
 - Request for Assignment (Mark-Up slip)
 - Original Marriage Certificate
 - Separation Agreement
 - Parenting Education Certificate of Completion (if you have a minor child)
 - Check payable to Register of Probate for \$215.00
5. Your Registry of Probate location depends on where you last lived together. Here are the most common ones for clients in our service area:

Middlesex County	Worcester County	Norfolk County
Register of Probate 208 Cambridge Street PO Box 410480 East Cambridge, MA 02141	Register of Probate 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608	Register of Probate 35 Shawmut Road Canton, MA 02021
Plymouth County	Suffolk County	Essex County
Register of Probate 52 Obery St. PO Box 3640 Plymouth, MA 02361	Register of Probate Edward Brooke Courthouse 24 New Chardon St. PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114	Register of Probate 36 Federal St. Salem, Ma 01970

6. You will be notified by post card or letter in about one month of the date for your hearing.