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Divorce procedure

Issue petition
£550 court fee

Court sends petition to respondent

Respondent fails to file an acknowledgement of service

Petitioner arranges to have the documents personally served on the Respondent. Alternatively applications to the court can be made for other types of service.

Respondent files acknowledgement of service.

Court sends a copy of the Respondent's acknowledgement of service to petitioner.

Petitioner files statement in support of divorce and application for decree nisi if the divorce is undefined.

District judge considers petition. If grounds are accepted, the petition gets listed in the judge's list for pronouncement of decree nisi.

Decree nisi pronounced.

Petitioner can apply for decree absolute after a minimum wait of six weeks.

If Petitioner does not apply for the decree absolute, after 4.5 months the respondent can apply to the court for the decree absolute and a fee of £155 is payable.

Hearing before a judge on application for decree absolute.

Cannot obtain decree abolute until outstanding matter (including ancillary matters) are finalised.

Petitioner applies for decree absolute.

Application granted.

Decree absolute issued.