

## **Divorce Procedure - Timetable**

### **Issuing the Petition**

1. Petition for Divorce plus appropriate copies
2. A fee of £300.00 (cash, postal order, or cheque with cheque card on personal attendance at the court office or solicitor's cheque)
3. Marriage Certificate but if not in English, affidavit regarding Marriage Certificate, translation of it plus £40
4. Reconciliation Certificate.
5. If children under 16, or 16 to 18 and in education, a Statement of Arrangements, plus one copy.

### **Serving the Petition**

Usually dealt with by the court office unless the Petitioner makes specific request at the time of lodgement for issue – an accurate time estimate is impossible if entirely within the hands of the court.

Acknowledging Service - within 8 days of receipt by the Respondent.

Undefended Divorce - 21 day period to elapse to ensure that no defence. Acknowledgement copied by the court office to the Petitioner.

Affidavit in Support regarding the petition and arrangements for their children – are sworn and lodged after the Acknowledgement is received from the court office or if clear evidence of service and the Court allows case to proceed in the absence of an Acknowledgement.

District Judge's certificate of Entitlement to a Decree and of the intended associated Orders with date set for the pronouncement.

Pronouncement of the Decree Nisi in open court with brief Hearing if intended Costs Order challenged.

After a minimum of 6 weeks and one day, the Decree Absolute plus £40.00 submitted by Petitioner – but may be at a later stage i.e. not compulsory.