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## FAMILY LAW MATTERS SERIES: DIVORCE



### Useful Contacts

- Macarthur Legal Centre can help you complete your application for divorce. **Contact us on (02) 4628 2042.**
- Visit the Federal Circuit Court website [www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au](http://www.federalcircuitcourt.gov.au) for further information.
- You should contact the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages if you wish to change your name after divorce. Visit [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au) for further information.

## DIVORCE

A divorce is a Court Order that legally ends a marriage.

To obtain a divorce you need to satisfy to the Court that you and your spouse have lived separately and apart for **at least twelve (12) months**, and that there is no likelihood of getting back together.

To obtain a divorce you must file an application with the Court either solely or jointly.

The filing fee for a divorce application is currently \$910 or \$305 if you can demonstrate financial hardship.

You can also apply for a divorce if you've separated and live under the same roof, but you will need to provide extra evidence that you are living separately.

If you make a sole application and have children under the age of eighteen (18) years, you will need to attend the Court hearing.

Parenting issues, division of property, child support and maintenance **must** be dealt with separately.

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