

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE ISLE OF MAN
CIVIL DIVISION – FAMILY BUSINESS

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Name of Sole Applicant

Name of Respondent

Notes to Respondent:

- The parties are called Applicant and Respondent and the document starting the Court proceedings is called an application.
- This form should be completed if you wish to dispute the divorce/separation application issued by your spouse. This could be because you do not agree that the Courts have jurisdiction to deal with the proceedings, if you can prove the marriage was never valid or if the marriage has already legally ended.
- There is a Court fee for making this application ('contested'). Section 5 of the Court Services Fees Order can be found [here](#).
- If you wish to make your own application, you may need permission to do so. You would need to complete your own application form and pay a separate fee to the fee for this answer form. If you require any further assistance you should seek legal advice. There are **guidance notes within the application form** to help you complete your application for a divorce/separation. If you require any further assistance with this form please seek legal advice. The court fee for this application is separate and in addition to the fee for filing this answer.
- If there is not enough room on the form, you may continue on a separate sheet. Please put the applicant's name, your name and the number of the Part to which the information relates, at the head of any continuation sheet.
- You have 21 days to submit your Answer from the date the Acknowledgment of Service must be filed (14 days from the date the initial application was served on you). If you do not submit the answer by the deadline, your spouse will usually be able to continue with the divorce/separation as if you do not dispute it.

About you

I, (please give your full name)

First Name(s):

Middle Name(s):

Surname:

Wish to dispute the application made by my spouse (please give their full name)

First Name(s):

Middle Name(s):

Surname:

for divorce/separation which was issued under reference number (please state the reference number)

Please treat this as my answer to the application.

On which ground do you wish to dispute the application?

the Court's jurisdiction to entertain the proceedings

the marriage is not valid

the marriage has already legally ended

Please explain why you are disputing on this ground and provide details below (use continuation sheets where necessary):

Orders requested

For the reasons above I ask the Court to dismiss the Applicant's application

Other, please specify any other order requested, apart from a costs order, or an application you wish to make for a divorce/separation order (this must be done separately).

Existing or previous Court cases

Are there any existing or previous Court proceedings relating to your marriage or affecting its validity (including any existing or concluded Court proceedings overseas)?

Yes. If yes give further details below and provide a copy of any relevant Court order with this application

Court reference:

Summary of the existing or previous Court proceedings:

No

Guidance Note

If you have a Court reference number but are unable to locate it, the Court staff can complete a search of the Court Indices. The fee for this can be found at <https://www.courts.im/fees/>

Address details for service of documents.

If you are not legally represented please provide your address for service and contact details below

Building and Street

Second line of address

Town or city

Country

Postcode

Email (optional)

Phone number (optional)

If the Court needs to contact you, it will be able to do so more quickly if you provide your email address and phone number

Statement of truth

I understand that proceedings for contempt of Court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

I believe that the facts stated in this form are true.

The Respondent believes that the facts stated in this form (and any continuation sheets) are true. **I am authorised** by the applicant to sign this statement.

Signature

Respondent

Respondent's advocate

Date:

Full name:

Name of Respondent's advocate's firm:

If signing on behalf of firm or company give position or office held:

Please send your completed form (in duplicate) to:

Isle of Man Courts of Justice (General Registry)
Deemsters Walk
Bucks Road
Douglas
Isle of Man
IM1 3AR

The opening hours for the Court office and public counter are:

9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday
9.30am to 4.00pm on Friday

Isle of Man Courts Public counter telephone number: (01624) **685265**

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