

# How to Ask for a Divorce

There are **NO** dependent children of this marriage  
 The parties **ARE** signing the papers together  
 The parties **ARE** in agreement

Forms may be downloaded for free at [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms) or you may purchase them at the Clerk’s Office.

## STEP 1: Fill out these forms

Completed	Form Name	Form #	notes
	Case Information Coversheet	Facilitator or clerk will provide	
	Confidential Information	FL All Family 001	
	Vital Statistics Form	Facilitator or clerk will provide	

## STEP 2: Fill out these forms and make copies

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Petition for Divorce	FL Divorce 201	

Have the other party sign the bottom of the last page under the “Joinder” paragraph. Make sure one of the joinder boxes is checked by the other party.

## STEP 3: Copies needed

- Originals to be filed with the Clerk
- 1 copy for your records
- 1 copy to give to the other party

## STEP 4: File your original forms with the Clerk’s office and pay the filing fee

If you cannot afford to pay the fee:  
 Fill out these forms

If a joinder has been signed, BOTH parties must fill out the Financial Statement.

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Motion and Declaration for Waiver of Civil Fees and Surcharges	WPF GR 34.0100	
	Financial Statements	WPF GR 34.0300	

	Order re Waiver of Civil Fees and Surcharges	WPF GR 34.0500	
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The forms are also available for download at [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms).

Turn in the Motion, financial statements and order, along with all of your completed paperwork to the Clerk’s Office prior to 11:00 am, your case will be heard at 1:00 pm (same day) and you must be present.

Payment can be made in the form of cash, cashier’s check, money order, debit/credit card. NO PERSONAL CHECKS.

### Step 5: Set a Hearing Date

You must wait 90 days before you can finalize your divorce. Time starts on the date of filing the petition.

You will need to fill out this form

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Notice of Hearing	FL All Family 185	

**IF** a joinder was signed waiving notice, you do not need to serve the other party.

**IF** the other party signed the Joinder and WANTS notice:

Have other party sign the Citation for the court date **OR**

Give the other party a copy of the Citation at least 14 days before the date of the court hearing and file a Return of Service (form# FL All Family 101)

**OR** Mail a copy of the Citation to the other party at least 17 days before the date of the court hearing and file an Affidavit of Mailing (no form) or a Return of Service (form# FL All Family 101)

**IF** the other party signed the Joinder WANTING notice but has signed the Decree of Dissolution and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, or is planning to appear in court, you do not need to serve them with the Citation.

### Step 6: Fill out these forms to take to your hearing

Make a copy for your records

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Findings and Conclusions About a Marriage	FL Divorce 231	
	Final Divorce Order	FL Divorce 241	
	Certification, available from website at		

	<a href="http://www.clark.wa.gov/courts/documents.html">http://www.clark.wa.gov/courts/documents.html</a>		
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## **Step 7: Go to your court hearing to finalize your divorce**

Take all your documents with you to court.

These instructions are legal information, not legal advice.

All of the above mentioned forms can be found on the Washington State Court website:

[www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms).