

# Information on Divorce

## What is a No-Fault Divorce?

Sadly, many marriages end in separation or divorce.

After nearly 50 years, the law about getting divorced was changed in April 2022.

Under the previous law the Court had to be satisfied that the marriage had irretrievably broken down because of one of five facts:

- Adultery
- Unreasonable Behaviour
- Desertion
- Two years separation (with consent)
- Five years separation (consent not needed)

Now, all that is required is for at least one person to confirm that the **marriage has broken down irretrievably**.

It is important to note that there are certain requirements that you need to meet before you can issue divorce proceedings

## What about my Finances?

When starting divorce proceedings, it is important that you and your ex consider your finances.

For more information on this, see our “**Matrimonial Finances**” Leaflet

## Other Changes to Divorce

- Divorces cannot be contested/defended except in exceptional and limited grounds
- Divorces can be applied for jointly
- Introduction of the “Cooling Off Period”

## Procedure

The procedure for applying for applying for a Divorce include: -

- Application
- Service
- Cooling Off Period
- Conditional Order
- Final Order

Our family team at Chafes Hague Lambert can guide you through the resolution of any divorce in an empathetic, proactive and cost-conscious way.

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