THE DIVORCE PROCESS – OVERVIEW

Petitioner sends Divorce Petition to Family Court

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Court issues Petition and sends to Respondent with Acknowledgement of Service form

↓ *2-4 weeks*

Respondent completes Acknowledgement of Service form and returns it to the Court

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Court sends copy of Acknowledgement of Service form to Petitioner with the application for Decree Nisi

↓ *2-4 weeks*

Petitioner sends application for Decree Nisi to the Court

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Court sends Certificate of Entitlement to a Decree to both Petitioner and Respondent stating when Decree Nisi will be granted

↓ *6-8 weeks*

Decree Nisi is granted and sent to both Petitioner and Respondent

↓ *4-6 weeks*

After minimum of 6 weeks from Decree Nisi the Petitioner can send application for Decree Absolute to the Court (Respondent must wait minimum of 6 weeks plus 3 months)

↓ *6 weeks +*

Court issues Decree Absolute and sends to both Petitioner and Respondent