

# OBTAINING A DECREE



Usually  
4-6  
Weeks from  
the filing of the  
Acknowledgement of Service  
and obtaining the  
Decree Nisi



Divorce Petition	Application filed at Court.
Acknowledgement of Service	Confirms receipt of Petition. The Respondent completes and returns it to the Court within 7 days (14 if outside England and Wales).
Application for Decree Nisi	The Petitioner files a signed Statement confirming that the contents of the Divorce Petition are correct.
Decree Nisi	Confirms the Petitioner has established that the marriage has irretrievably broken down and is entitled to obtain a Decree Absolute.
Application for Decree Absolute	6 weeks and 1 day after pronouncement of Decree Nisi the Petitioner can apply for Decree Absolute. It is best to wait until financial matters are resolved before applying.
Decree Absolute	The Final Decree of Divorce formally dissolves your marriage.

