

## FAQs and Answers to a Simplified Divorce

### **What is a simplified divorce?**

A simplified divorce (which is often referred to as a “DIY” divorce) can be a straightforward and cheap way for couples to get a divorce or dissolve their civil partnership.

This requires a form to be downloaded from the Scottish Court website to complete.

### **Who can use the simplified divorce procedure?**

To be able to use the simplified process there must not be:

- Any children of the marriage under the age of 16; nor
- Any financial matters to be resolved.

**AND** You must have been separated for:

- at least one year and both consent to the divorce; **OR**
- at least two years in which case consent is not required.

There is no time limit if one party has been issued with a gender recognition certificate after the date of marriage or civil partnership.

### **How much will it cost?**

We offer a fixed fee of £400 plus VAT. In addition, there is also a court fee payable which is currently £137.

### **Do I need to go to court?**

No. It will be necessary for you to sign an Affidavit (a written statement signed under oath or affirmation) within the form before one of our Notary Publics. There is no additional charge for that notarisatio

### **How long will it take before divorce is granted?**

Usually, the whole process takes 4-6 weeks. A final divorce order (Extract Decree of Divorce) will be sent by the Court to each party.