# Applicant & Respondent Organisation App for Divorce

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Starting a family court case can feel overwhelming. Receiving an application can feel just as daunting, particularly when you were not expecting it.

Whichever position you are in, the paperwork can quickly build up: applications, responses, hearing notices, statements and orders. Before long, important information is scattered across emails, downloads and folders.

> Having been through family court myself, I know how difficult it is to stay organised when you are also dealing with the emotional strain. That is one of the reasons I built Divorcify for both applicants and respondents.

## What does applicant and respondent mean?

The applicant is the person who brings the case. The respondent is the person receiving the application. GOV.UK uses these terms to explain the different roles in proceedings. These labels describe your role in the application. They are not findings about who is right or wrong.

> Being the respondent does not mean your perspective matters less. Being the applicant does not mean the court has already accepted your position.

## Start with the application and response

Keep a clear copy of the application and any accompanying documents. Read them carefully and identify what the court is being asked to decide.If you are responding, check the instructions explaining what you need to complete and by when. If you started the case, keep any response alongside your application so you can follow the issues being raised. Avoid relying on memory, add questions to the Divorcify app and get instant answers, it stores them for clarify. Give each document a place, in Divorcify you can save questions, evidence, applications, directions, hearings and order in the right place. You can also send them to a solicitor, mediator or mckenzie friend.

- Applications and responses - What each person is asking for.
- Evidence - Relevant records, with dates and context.
- Hearing notices - When, where and how to attend.
- Court directions - The steps required and their deadlines.
- Court orders - The decisions and instructions made during proceedings.

All files included uploaded PDFs (not scanned ones) are fully searchable in Divorcify, save it search and find it with ease.

## Check what applies to you

Applicants and respondents may have different tasks. Requirements also vary between cases and stages of proceedings. Read your own notices and orders carefully. Record each deadline, what needs doing and whether anything must be sent to the court or another party.

> If something is unclear, seek clarification promptly. Someone else's experience online may not reflect the directions in your case, if you need to consult a solicitor do it they are there to help.

## Organisation helps you prepare

A system cannot decide your case or replace legal advice. It can help you understand what you have, what is missing and what needs attention next. Divorcify helps applicants and respondents organise applications, responses, evidence, hearings, directions, orders and important dates.

## Sources checked on 15 October 2026:

- Divorcify
- GOV.UK guidance for people representing themselves