




Nonadversarial Divorce Law Takes Effect Oct. 1, 2015

[A new state law effective Oct. 1, 2015](#),  provides for two new simplified processes by which individuals can obtain a divorce.

With one process, those who are eligible also can obtain a divorce in 35 days or less as compared with the regular procedure, which takes at least three months. In addition, a judge may now grant these divorces “on the papers,” meaning individuals who qualify do not need to come to court.

Eligibility factors include:

- Being married eight years or less;
- Neither person is pregnant;
- No children were born or adopted before or during the marriage;
- Neither spouse has any interest or title in any real property;
- The total value of all property they own is less than \$35,000;
- Neither spouse has a company sponsored pension plan;
- Neither spouse has a pending bankruptcy;
- Neither spouse is applying for or receiving Medicaid benefits;
- No other action of dissolution of marriage is pending; and
- There are no restraining or protective orders between the spouses.

The other new simplified process applies to those individuals who have reached an agreement as to all terms of their divorce. They may now file a motion to ask a judge to waive the 90-day waiting period that is part of the dissolution process, thus shortening the amount of time their divorce will take to complete.

Information and posters will be in available at all courthouses, both in clerk’s offices and at [court service centers](#). A sample poster is to the right. Information also will be available through the [Judicial Branch website](#).



Is Nonadversarial Divorce for You?

What is a nonadversarial divorce?
A simplified process by which eligible parties can obtain a divorce within 35 days without having to appear before a judge.

What are the benefits of a nonadversarial divorce?

- You can obtain a divorce in 35 days or less as compared to the regular process, which takes at least 3 months
- You don't have to take time off from work to come to court
- You can move on with your life more quickly

Are you eligible?
If you and your spouse can check off each box below, you **may** be eligible:

- We have been married 8 years or less
- Neither of us is pregnant
- No children were born to us or adopted by us before or during the marriage
- Neither of us has any interest or title in any real property
- The total value of all property owned by us is less than \$35,000
- Neither of us has a company sponsored pension plan
- Neither of us has a pending bankruptcy
- Neither of us is applying for or receiving Medicaid benefits
- There is no other action for dissolution of our marriage pending
- There are no restraining or protective orders between us

Obtain a divorce in 35 days or less as compared to the regular process.

How do I apply?
Please visit the Clerk's Office, the Court Service Center or the Judicial Branch's website at www.jud.ct.gov to get the forms that you need to start the process.

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