

Online Divorce Service Checklist

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Choose and use an online divorce service wisely. Work through each group in order.

1. Qualify

- ☐ Confirm the divorce is genuinely uncontested (you agree on property, custody, and support)
- ☐ Confirm no complex assets or contested custody issues
- ☐ Confirm you meet your state's residency requirement before filing
- ☐ Rule out any domestic violence or safety concerns that call for professional guidance

2. Compare

- ☐ Check the service covers your state with state-specific forms
- ☐ Compare the flat price (typically \$150–\$500) across at least two services
- ☐ Confirm whether filing is included (usually it is not — you file yourself)
- ☐ Check for a court-acceptance guarantee
- ☐ Read the refund policy before paying

3. Budget

- ☐ Add your state's separate court filing fee (\$100–\$450) on top of the service fee
- ☐ Budget for service of process (\$50–\$150) if your spouse won't sign a waiver
- ☐ Account for notary and certified-copy costs
- ☐ Apply for a filing-fee waiver if you can't afford the court fee

4. Use

- ☐ Complete the questionnaire accurately and honestly
- ☐ Review every generated document carefully before signing
- ☐ Sign and file the papers with your court, following the instructions
- ☐ Serve your spouse properly if a signed waiver isn't used
- ☐ Track your case status and note your state's waiting period until finalization

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Use this checklist alongside the Online Divorce Readiness Worksheet. Group 1 decides whether an online service is right for you at all; if your case is contested or complex, stop and consult an attorney. This resource is provided by ClearLegalTips.com for general informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. Laws vary by state and change over time. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.