

FORM M6A

Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996 Rule 2.10(1)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE: Civil Partnership Act 2004

If you intend to instruct a solicitor to act for you, give him this form immediately



*In the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Family Division

*In the County Court for the Division of

Between

Petitioner

and

Respondent

and

*Co-Respondent

**Delete as applicable*

Read carefully the Notice of Proceedings before answering the following questions.

1. Have you received the originating summons [and copy of the supporting affidavit] [or the petition for [dissolution]] delivered with this form?

Yes No

2. Are there any proceedings continuing in any country outside Northern Ireland which relate to the civil partnership or are capable of affecting its validity or subsistence?

Yes No

If so, please provide the following information:

- (a) particulars of the proceedings, including the court in or tribunal or authority before which they were begun,
- (b) the date when they were begun,
- (c) the names of the parties,
- (d) the date or expected date of any trial in the proceedings, and
- (e) such other facts as may be relevant to the question whether the proceedings on the petition should be stayed.

3. In which country are you
(a) habitually resident?
(b) domiciled?

4. Of which country are you a national?

5. Do you agree with the statement of the petitioner as to the grounds of jurisdiction set out in the petition?

Yes No

If not, please state the grounds on which you disagree.

6. On what date and at what address did you receive it?

7. Are you the person named as Respondent?

Yes No

8. Do you intend to defend the case?

Yes No

9. In the case of a petition alleging 2 years' separation coupled with the respondent's consent to a Conditional Order being granted. Do you consent to a Conditional Order being granted?

Yes No

10. In the case of a petition asking for dissolution alleging 5 years' separation. Do you intend to oppose the grant of a Conditional Order on the ground that the dissolution will result in grave financial or other hardship to you and that in all the circumstances it would be wrong to dissolve the civil partnership?

Yes No

11. In the event of a Conditional Order being granted on the basis of 2 years' separation, coupled with the respondent's consent, or 5 years' separation, do you intend to apply to the court for it to consider your financial position as it will be after the dissolution?

Yes No

12. Even if you do not intend to defend the case, do you object to paying the costs of the proceedings?

Yes No

If so, on what grounds?

13. (a) Have you received a copy of the Statement of Arrangements for Child[ren].

Yes No

(b) Do you agree with the proposals in that Statement of Arrangements?

Yes No

If not you may file a written statement of your own views on the present and proposed arrangements for the children. It would help if you sent that statement to the court office with this form.

Dated this day of 20

Signed

Address for service [unless you intend to instruct a solicitor, give your place of residence, or if you do not reside in Northern Ireland, the address of a place to which documents may be sent to you. If you subsequently wish to change your address for service, you must notify the Matrimonial Office, Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast].

[I am [We are] acting for the Respondent [or the above-named in this matter].

Signed

Address for service:

Have you answered all the questions, dated and signed this form?
If so please return to:

The Master
Matrimonial Office
Family Division
Royal Courts of Justice
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Belfast, BT1 3JF