

# Introducing the new online divorce service



### Introduction

#### **Presenters**

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#### **Presentation**

Brief overview of the changes to divorce law following the implementation of the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020

- Demonstration of the new online service
- Where to find useful information

#### **Questions and answers**

- Submit questions using the Teams chat and we will aim to answer as many as we
- can



# Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020: key changes

- Divorces can be granted without one person needing to blame the other
- Couples can apply for a divorce jointly.
- It will take 20 weeks between an application and a conditional order being granted. A further 6 weeks will elapse before the conditional order will be made final. This provides an opportunity for couples to agree the practical arrangements for the future
- A spouse can no longer contest a divorce except on jurisdiction grounds
- The process for divorce will now align with that for dissolving a civil partnership.



### Where can I find more information?

MyHMCTS: How to use the new law online divorce services

## HM Courts & Tribunals Service

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