



Summary of the Divorce Process in Singapore

There are 2 Stages to the Divorce Process

The First Stage

Focuses on the termination of the marriage between you and your spouse.

The Second Stage

Focuses on the “Ancillary Issues” (division of the matrimonial assets, spousal and child maintenance and child-care arrangements).

Pre-requisites for Filing a Divorce

MARRIED

FOR

3 YEARS

You must be married for at least 3 years before you can file for divorce

At the time of the divorce, one of the parties must be a Singapore citizen or be habitually resident in Singapore for a period of at least 3 years immediately preceding the commencement of proceedings.



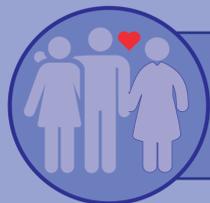
If you have at least one child below 21 years of age, you MUST attend a Mandatory Parenting Programme



Grounds for Filing a Divorce

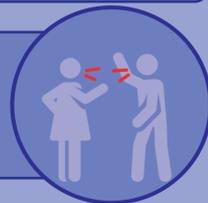
You must prove to the Court that your marriage has “*irretrievably broken down*”.

To show this, you must prove one or more of the following facts:



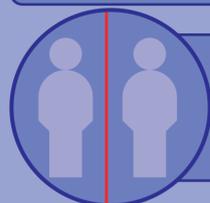
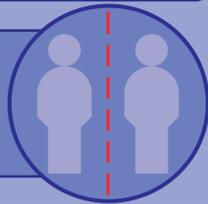
Your spouse has committed adultery

Your spouse has exhibited unreasonable behaviour



Your spouse has deserted you for at least 2 years

You have been separated for 3 years, and your spouse consents to the divorce, or



You have been separated for 4 years without consent