



Information Sheet: Divorce from abroad or 'expat' divorces

Are you originally from England or Wales but currently living in another part of the world?

Have you lived outside the UK for a number of years and only recently returned?

Are you originally from abroad but have made your permanent home in the UK?

Is your spouse untraceable and outside of the UK?

If so, you should be able to divorce using the legal system of England and Wales. This is often termed as 'expat divorce'.

Using the English legal system is often much quicker, cheaper and more effective than trying to combat cultural and language barriers abroad. However, the English legal system may not be able to fully deal with your division of assets (especially property owned abroad) or future arrangements for children.

It is important that you seek legal advice to see whether you are eligible for an expat divorce and what the process may entail. If the divorce is uncomplicated and uncontested then neither party will need to attend court in the UK. We can take your instructions via telephone and email and are able to provide a fixed-fee package for the whole process - which can take just four months.

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