

# Divorce Fixed Fee



At John Hodge Solicitors we understand that having a clear idea of costs can help to remove some of the financial uncertainties that divorce can bring.

## **What is a Fixed-Fee Divorce?**

A Fixed-Fee divorce ensures that you are told exactly what you will pay prior to the process beginning with no extra fees added on.

If you are a couple seeking to dissolve your marriage or civil partnership without any financial and property disputes or seeking advice in respect of children matters this may be an option that suits your requirements.

## **What are the costs of a Fixed-Fee Divorce?**

The Fixed-Fee is only available for uncontested divorces and the cost will depend upon whether you are the applicant (the person applying for the divorce) or the respondent (your spouse is applying for the divorce).

If you are the applicant the Fixed-Fee cost is £540 plus VAT and the court fee of £593.

The Applicant Fixed-Fee package will include drafting of the divorce application, filing it with the court, preparing and filing the application for the conditional order and preparing and issuing the application for the final order.

If you are the respondent the Fixed-Fee cost is £220 plus VAT.

The respondent Fixed-Fee package will include reviewing the application from your spouse, completing the Acknowledgement of Service, reviewing the conditional order and advising upon the impact of the final order.

## **When is a Fixed-Fee Divorce not appropriate?**

A Fixed-Fee Divorce is only appropriate if there are no disputes between the parties regarding financial matters or children and both parties engage fully within the divorce process so that it is uncontested.

If there is a disagreement about financial matters arising from the divorce or the situation becomes more complex than first believed, it would be appropriate to switch to paying our fees based upon the fee earners hourly rate plus VAT. Our Family Team are always available to provide an estimate of costs should such an occasion arise.

Please note that not all divorces will be appropriate for the Fixed-Fee option. Our experienced Family Lawyers offer a free initial consultation whereby the option of a Fixed-Fee divorce can be discussed, if it not an appropriate option, our Family Lawyers will offer an hourly rate package that is more suitable to your requirements whilst also providing you with an estimate of the costs involved.

John Hodge Solicitors are a local firm of solicitors that has been helping individuals, families and small businesses in this area for generations, since 1777 in fact.

We pride ourselves in providing an independent, personal service from our local accessible offices, putting the needs of our client first at all times.

Please contact us with any questions you may have about this subject or for a personalised estimate for a bespoke service.