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Procedure for Filing a Joint Petition for a No-Fault Divorce

1. File all papers in the Registry of Probate

- Joint petition
- Separation Agreement
- Affidavit of irretrievable breakdown
- Affidavit disclosing care and custody proceeding
- Financial statements from both parties on pink paper
- Military Affidavit
- Form R-408
- If there are children under 23--Child Support Guidelines Worksheet (see link here)
[https://www.mass.gov/lists/probate-and-family-court-forms-for-child-support-guidelines#child-support-guidelines-worksheet-\(2021\)](https://www.mass.gov/lists/probate-and-family-court-forms-for-child-support-guidelines#child-support-guidelines-worksheet-(2021))
- Findings and Determination for Child Support and Post Secondary Education (see link here)
<https://courtforms.jud.state.ma.us/publicforms/PFC0081>
- Certified copy of the marriage certificate
- Request for Trial Assignment
- Personal check payable to Register of Probate for \$215.
(some registers of probate may require a bank check)

2. You will be notified by mail of the date for your hearing and the assigned judge, as well as instructions about whether the hearing will be in person (and where) or via Zoom (and the link).

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