# Do Your Own Divorce

A free step-by-step guide to doing your divorce online

Tips for using the guide



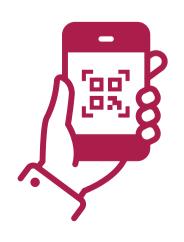
# Where can I find Do Your Own Divorce?



#### info.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/divorceguide



On the Legal Aid NSW website under 'My problem is about' - Go to <u>My problem is about family law and relationships</u>, then scroll to the bottom - under the heading Legal Aid NSW resources.



By scanning the QR code with a mobile phone or tablet.



#### What is Do Your Own Divorce?

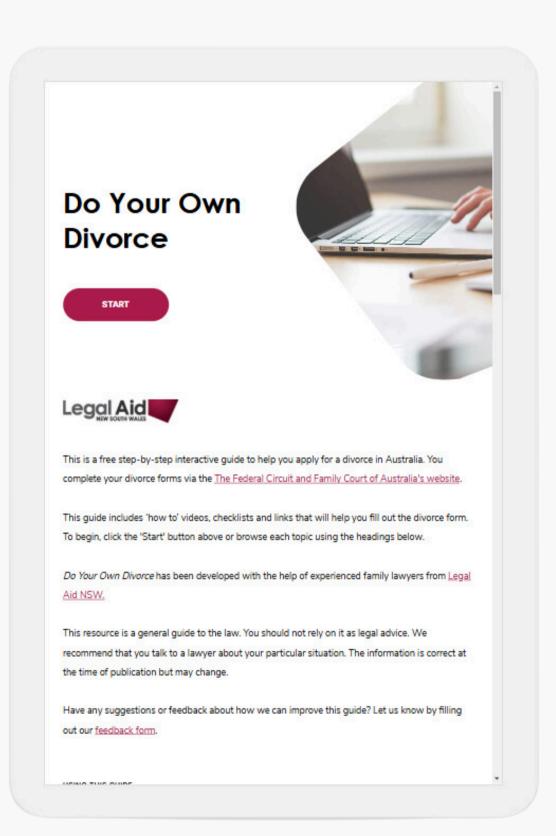
Do Your Own Divorce is a free interactive guide to help people complete their divorce application online.

The guide can help people understand and navigate the divorce process step-by-step.

People complete and file their Application for Divorce via the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia website (FCFCOA).

The guide is set up to mirror the process of completing these online forms.

People do not fill out their Application for Divorce on the Do Your Own Divorce website.



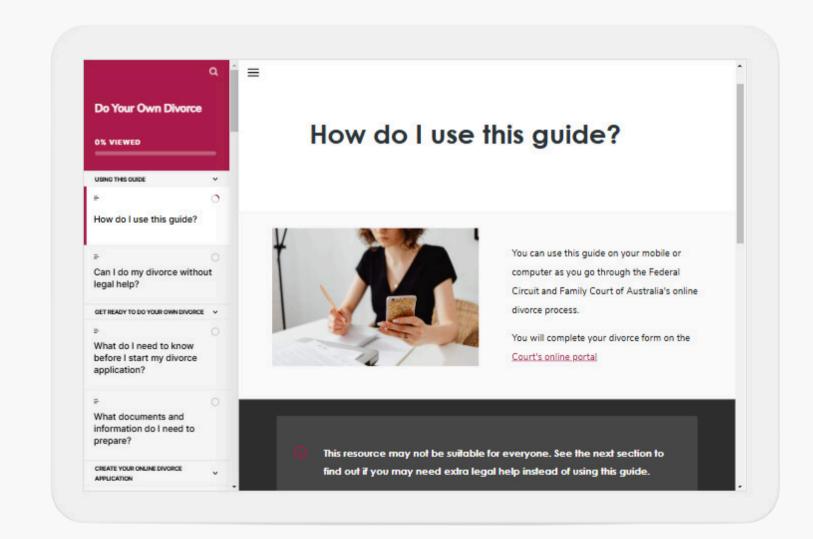
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People can watch the 'how to' videos to show them how to complete and upload the divorce application and associated documents.

The videos also go through other forms and processes people might need depending on their circumstances - such as affidavits, forms about financial hardship, and the forms about serving documents.

Those who prefer text over video can read through the process and find resources.

People can use the checklists to keep on track.





# Who is the guide for?

The guide is useful for people who may not be eligible for free legal advice services to help with their divorce, and who want to explore doing their divorce themselves

The guide is best for people who have reasonable literacy and computer skills.

# When is the guide a suitable resource?

Do Your Own Divorce is not suitable for everyone.

We want to encourage vulnerable clients to get legal help, so the beginning of the guide helps people work out if it is right for them.

#### ≡ Can I do my divorce without legal help?



This guide can help many people to complete their own divorce in Australia.

However, some people may need extra legal help. Watch the video and click the relevant tab below to find out if this guide is right for you.

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To see if Do Your Own Divorce is suitable:

- Go to the heading in the guide, 'Can I do my divorce without legal help?'
- Check whether any of the boxes apply. The boxes prompt people in different situations to get legal help.

For example, people experiencing family violence or people who need an interpreter.

Throughout the guide, we flag the situations where people need to get legal advice. The 'More information' section at the end of the guide lists services for help.

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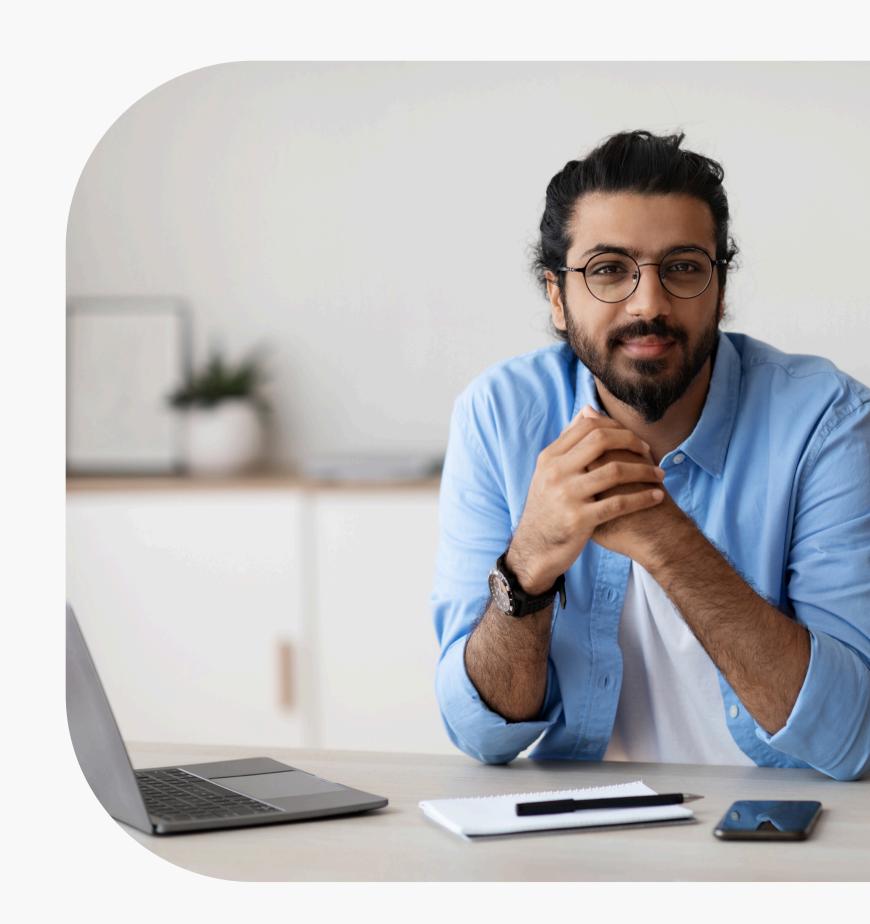
# How can people use the guide?

People can use the guide on their phones as they go through the online divorce application forms on the Court's website. However, you cannot use a phone to file divorce applications.

People using a computer or other device might split their screens between the guide and the FCFCOA website, or use a second screen if they have one.

They can also use the headings in the guide to dip in and out as they go through the forms.

Tip: If people do not have access to suitable equipment you can refer them their local library – they might need to join first, but its free.



#### More information



Please contact the Community Legal Education branch if you have any questions or comments - <u>cle@legalaid.nsw.gov.au</u>



You can also <u>watch this video</u> for more information about using the guide.



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