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# Starting a family law case:

Using CLEO's Guided Pathway for children, support, and property issues  
in separation and divorce

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST

## Speakers:

**Lisa Eisen**, Lawyer, Founder of Family Law: A La Carte

**Allison Leadley**, Guided Pathways Manager, CLEO

# Land Acknowledgement

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CLEO acknowledges that our office is located on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat. This land is now also home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. This area of Tkaronto, also known as Toronto, is covered by Treaty 13 signed by the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties signed by multiple Mississauga and Chippewa First Nations.

We acknowledge the ongoing impacts of colonization, anti-Indigenous racism, and white supremacy on which this city and our legal system are built. We are all Treaty people and we commit to working in solidarity towards truth and reconciliation.

# CLEO Resources

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Steps to Justice – free legal information

- [stepstojustice.ca](https://stepstojustice.ca)

Guided Pathways – help completing legal forms

- [stepstojustice.ca/guided-pathways-home/](https://stepstojustice.ca/guided-pathways-home/)

CLEO publications – free print resources

- [cleo.on.ca](https://cleo.on.ca)

CLEO Connect – training for community workers

- [cleoconnect.ca](https://cleoconnect.ca)

## What can you expect today?

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- 90 minutes (2 presenters and a Q and A).
- The webinar may contain legal information. As a reminder, this is not legal advice. The information is current as of today's date, March 4, 2026.
- Links to the recording, slides, and handout will be sent by email to all registrants within a few days.
- ASL interpretation is available today. Subtitles (closed captioning) have also been enabled.

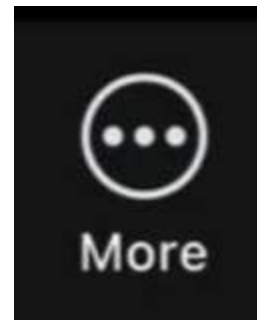
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# Speaker Introduction

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  - Making support claims
  - Finishing the pathway and next steps
4. **Feedback and support**
5. **Questions and Comments**



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**True or false?** You have to go to court  
to be legally separated in Ontario.



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**True or false? Only married people  
can use the Form 8: Application to  
start a family law case.**



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**True or false?** You can use the Form 8  
to ask for parenting orders or child  
support.

# Separation vs. Divorce

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## Separation

- When spouses or common-law partners decide to “live separate and apart”
- Can happen even if you live in the same home
- Only one spouse or partner has to want to separate
- No court process or court order is required

## Divorce

- A legal process to end a marriage
- Only applies to legally married spouses
- Need a court order

# Who can get a divorce in Ontario?

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- Must be legally married
- You or your spouse must have lived in Ontario for at least **1 year**
- Show the court that there has been a breakdown in your marriage:
  - You and your partner have lived separate and apart for **at least 1 year**
  - Adultery
  - Cruelty

# Issues to think about...

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## Parenting

- Who will make important decisions for the children?
- How will the children spend time with you and your spouse?
- How will your children be cared for and where will they live?

## Support

- Child support
- Spousal support

## Property

- Who will live in the home?
- How will property be divided?

# Which form to use?

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## **Form 8A: Application (Divorce)**

- Must be legally married
- Ask for a divorce only, if applying on your own
- Ask for a divorce and other claims, if applying with your spouse

## **Form 8: Application (General)**

- Do not need to be legally married
- Ask for a divorce and other claims, if applying on your own
- Start a case about parenting, support, or property

# CLEO's Guided Pathways



## Guided Pathways

Fill out your legal forms and take action

Use CLEO's free online interviews to fill out legal forms, draft letters, and identify your next steps. The Guided Pathways ask you questions and then use your answers to fill in the forms and letters you need. When you are done, you can save and print your papers.

 <h3>Abuse and Violence</h3> <p>Take steps to help protect yourself or someone else from abuse and violence.</p>	 <h3>Family Law</h3> <p>Fill out the court forms you need for your family law case.</p>	 <h3>Housing Law</h3> <p>Fill out the Landlord and Tenant Board forms you need for your rental housing case.</p>	 <h3>Immigration Law</h3> <p>Fill out draft forms to apply for an open work permit in Canada.</p>
 <h3>Income Assistance</h3> <p>Ask for a reconsideration or appeal the decision to deny you Canada Pension Plan disability benefits.</p>	 <h3>Nonprofit Bylaws</h3> <p>Create bylaws for a nonprofit corporation in Ontario.</p>	 <h3>Small Claims Court</h3> <p>Fill out the court forms you need for your Small Claims Court case.</p>	 <h3>Wills and Powers of Attorney</h3> <p>Make a will or power of attorney, or cancel an existing power of attorney.</p>

[Frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#)



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Back MY PROGRESS: Were you and David Jones ever legally... SAVE AND EXIT

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Were you and David Jones ever legally married?

Yes

No

Continue

7 Orders you want to change

6 Orders you want to change

5 Information about your case

4 Information about your relationship

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# Decision trees

**Claims you want to make about your children**

Check off the **claims** you want to make:

- Child support
- Decision-making responsibility
- Parenting time
- Other parenting orders

[Continue](#)



**Decision-Making Responsibility Order**

The next set of questions collects information related to the order you want the court to make about **decision-making responsibility**.


There are 3 main types of decision-making responsibility orders;

- **sole decision-making responsibility**
- **joint decision-making responsibility**
- **divided decision-making responsibility**

There can be other kinds of decision-making responsibility orders.

If you're not sure what type of custody order you want, [talk to a lawyer](#).


[Continue](#)



# Popup definitions

Quick exit

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Are you filling out the **Form 8** to deal with the same issue or issues you want to family court about?

Yes

No

Continue

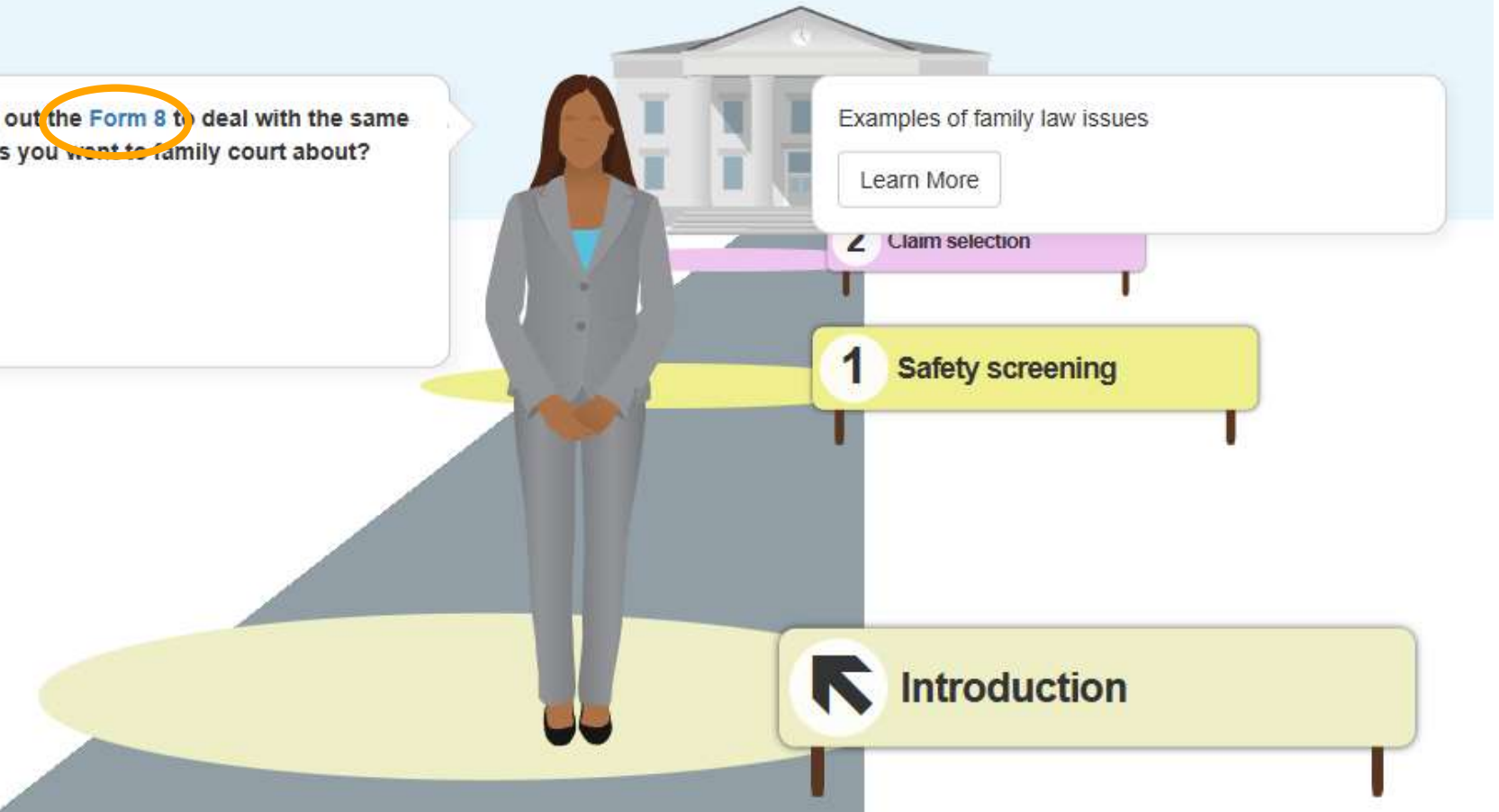
Examples of family law issues

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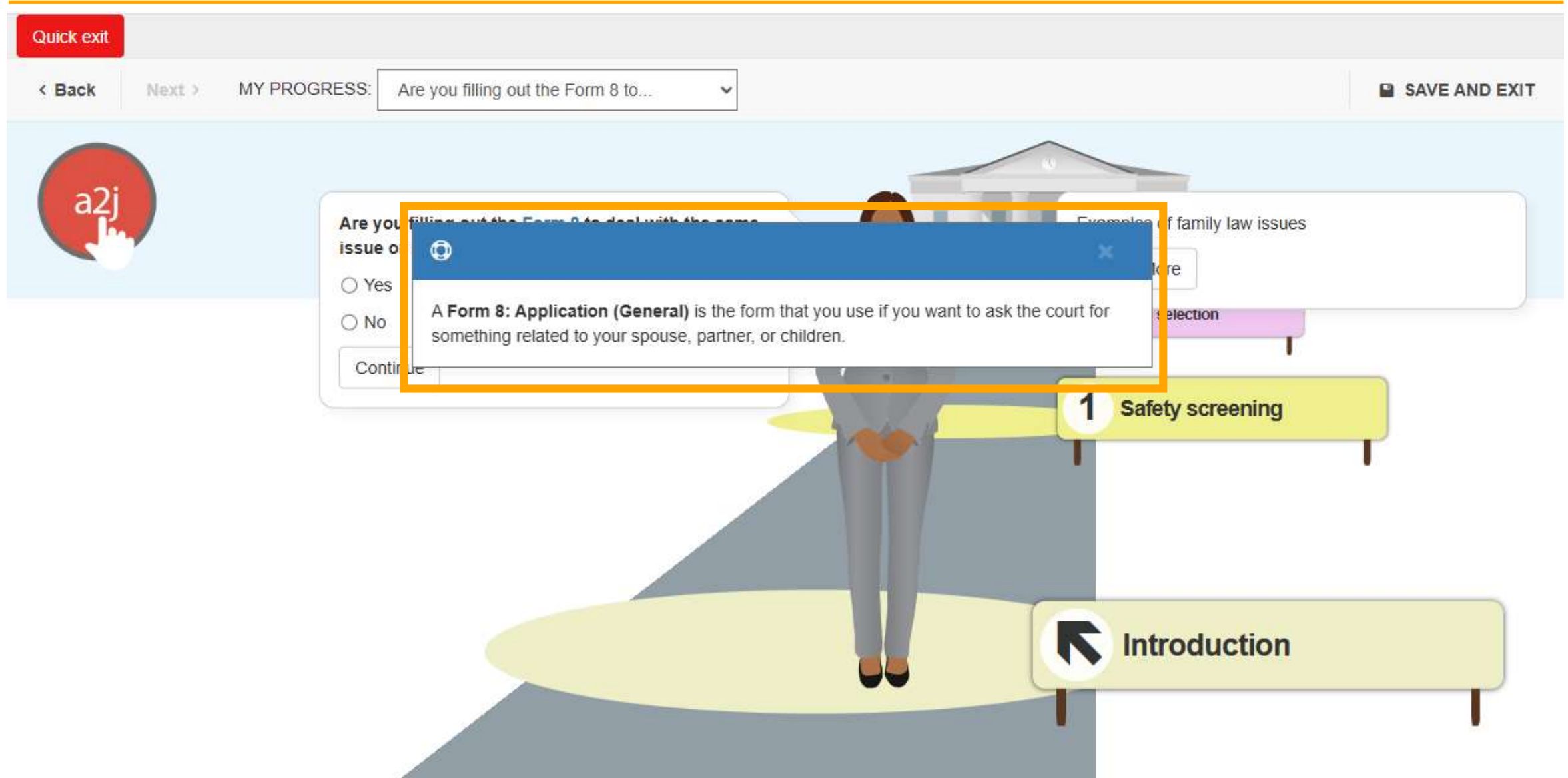
2 Claim selection

1 Safety screening

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# Blue text is clickable, opening a “popup”




The screenshot shows a web interface for a legal form. At the top left, there is a red button labeled "Quick exit". Below it, navigation links for "< Back" and "Next >" are visible. A progress indicator shows "MY PROGRESS: Are you filling out the Form 8 to...". On the right, there is a "SAVE AND EXIT" button. The main content area features a question: "Are you filling out the Form 8 to deal with the same issue as...". Below this question are radio buttons for "Yes" and "No", and a "Continue" button. A blue popup window is overlaid on the form, containing the text: "A **Form 8: Application (General)** is the form that you use if you want to ask the court for something related to your spouse, partner, or children." The popup has a close button in the top right corner. In the background, there is an illustration of a woman standing on a path, with two yellow callout boxes: "1 Safety screening" and "Introduction". A red circular icon with "a2j" and a hand cursor is on the left side of the page.

# Learn More

Quick exit

< Back   Next >   MY PROGRESS: Are you asking only for a divorce in...   SAVE AND EXIT



Are you asking only for a **divorce** in the **Form 8**?

Yes

No

Continue


How to answer this

[Learn More](#)

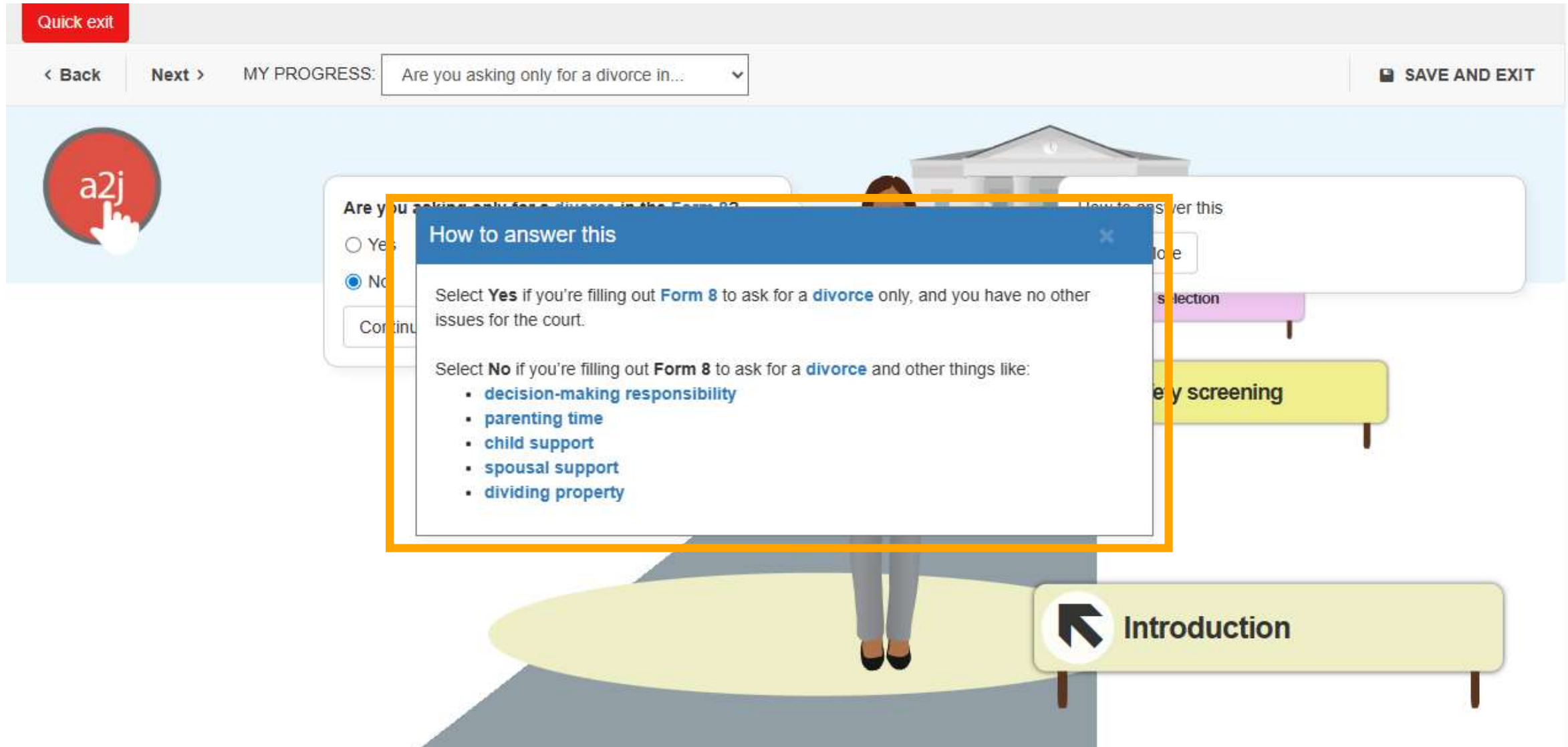
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# Learn More



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Quick exit

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Are you asking only for a divorce in the Form 8?

Yes

No

Continue

How to answer this

Select **Yes** if you're filling out **Form 8** to ask for a **divorce** only, and you have no other issues for the court.

Select **No** if you're filling out **Form 8** to ask for a **divorce** and other things like:

- **decision-making responsibility**
- **parenting time**
- **child support**
- **spousal support**
- **dividing property**

Introduction

## What you're asking the court for

The **Form 8: Application (General)** lets you ask the court for a number of things. These are called [claims](#).

What you can ask for depends on your situation, for example, the type of relationship you're in and whether you have children.

The next set of questions asks about your relationship, whether you have children, and what claims you want to make.

Later, you'll give details about each claim that you choose.

If you don't understand what a claim means, check out the [pop-up definition](#). If you still aren't sure whether it applies to you, you may want to [get legal advice](#).

Continue



## Where can I find a lawyer to help with my family law issue?

### NEXT STEPS

1. Think about what you need >
2. Find a lawyer >
3. Talk to the lawyer >
4. Meet with your lawyer >
5. Sign your retainer agreement and pay a deposit >

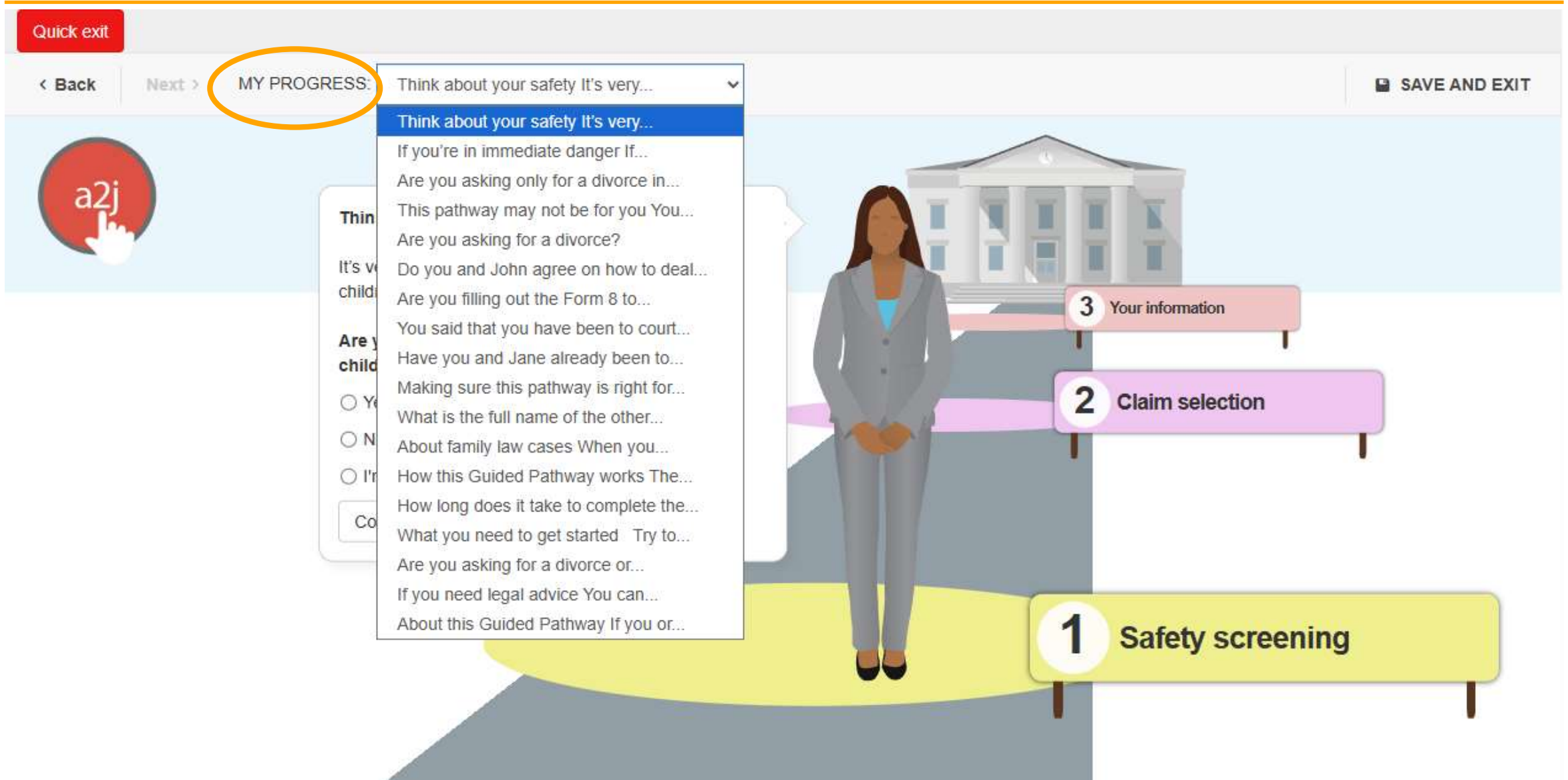
You don't have to hire a lawyer to help you with your family law issues. But, a lawyer can help you understand your legal rights and responsibilities, and the options you have.

Responsibilities are what the law says you have to do after you separate or **divorce** and rights are what the law says you can get.

Lawyers can give legal advice. This means they can explain what the law says and how it applies to your specific legal problem. They can also:

- Give you advice on things like the [rules you must follow to make your separation agreement legal](#).

# Progress bar



Quick exit

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1 Safety screening

2 Claim selection

3 Your information

Think about your safety It's very...  
If you're in immediate danger If...  
Are you asking only for a divorce in...  
This pathway may not be for you You...  
Are you asking for a divorce?  
Do you and John agree on how to deal...  
Are you filling out the Form 8 to...  
You said that you have been to court...  
Have you and Jane already been to...  
Making sure this pathway is right for...  
What is the full name of the other...  
About family law cases When you...  
How this Guided Pathway works The...  
How long does it take to complete the...  
What you need to get started Try to...  
Are you asking for a divorce or...  
If you need legal advice You can...  
About this Guided Pathway If you or...

# Save and Exit



The image shows a screenshot of a web application interface. On the left, a woman in a grey suit stands on a path leading to a classical building. The path is marked with numbered steps: 5 (red), 6 (light blue), 7 (green), and 8 (purple). A button labeled 'SAVE AND EXIT' is circled in orange in the top right corner of the interface. An orange arrow points from this button to a dialog box on the right. The dialog box is titled 'Resume your pathway' and asks 'Where do you want to start?'. It contains three radio button options: 'Go to where I exited', 'Go to a specific step', and 'Start at the beginning'. A 'Continue' button is located at the bottom of the dialog box.

**SAVE AND EXIT**

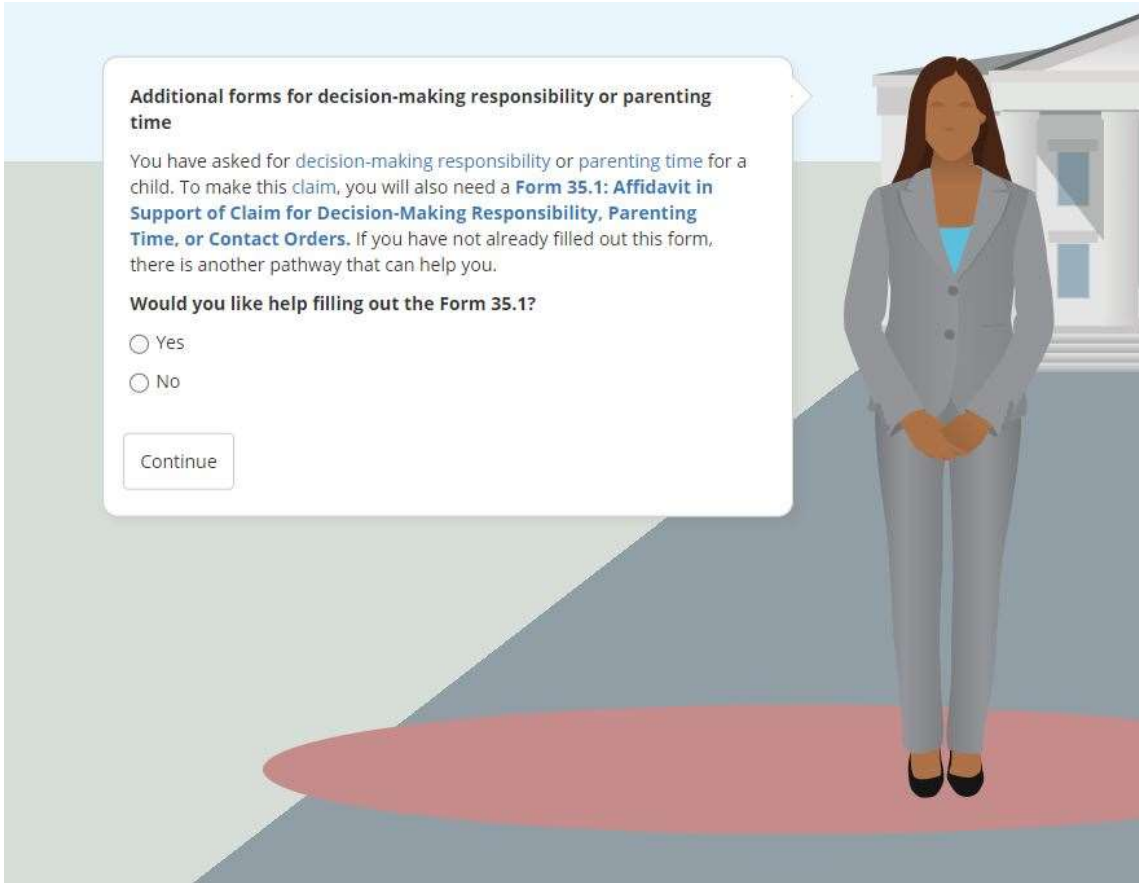
**Resume your pathway**

Where do you want to start?

- Go to where I exited
- Go to a specific step
- Start at the beginning

Continue

# Help with additional forms



**Additional forms for decision-making responsibility or parenting time**

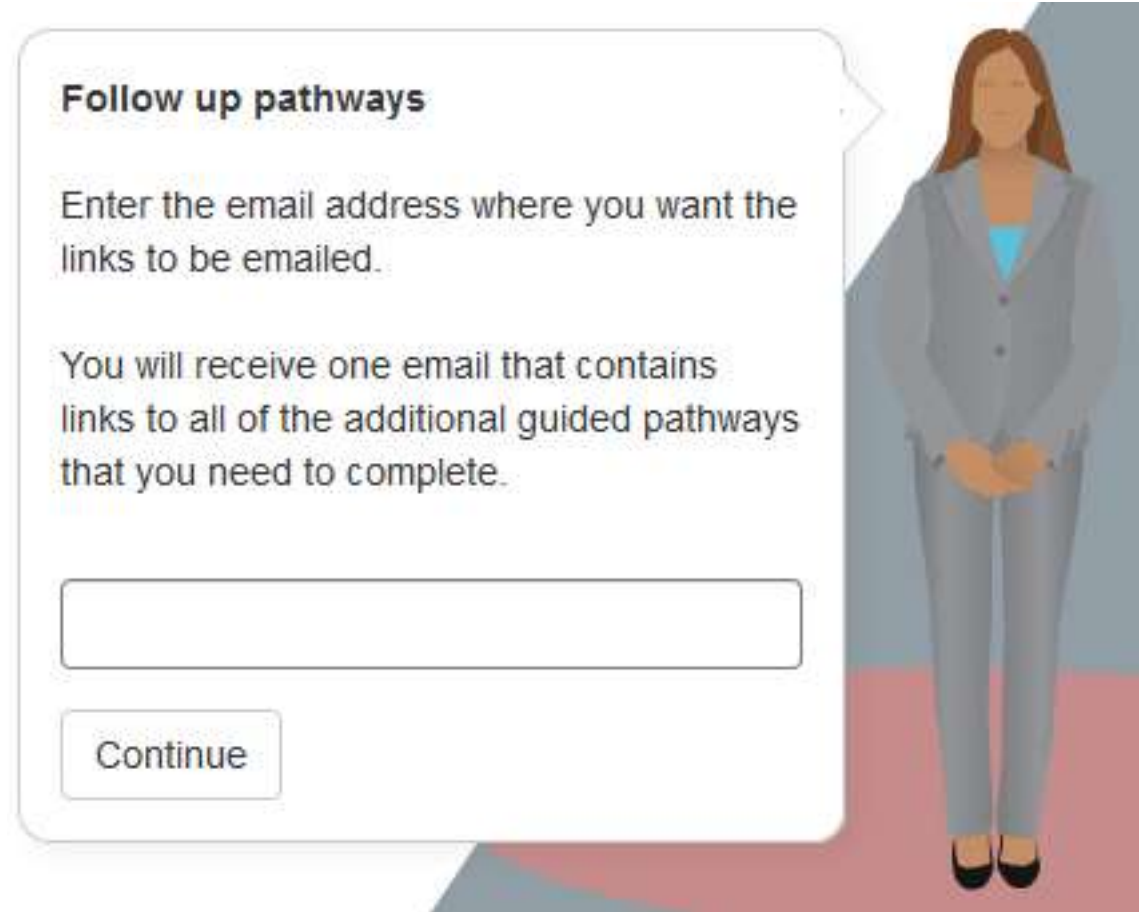
You have asked for decision-making responsibility or parenting time for a child. To make this claim, you will also need a **Form 35.1: Affidavit in Support of Claim for Decision-Making Responsibility, Parenting Time, or Contact Orders**. If you have not already filled out this form, there is another pathway that can help you.

**Would you like help filling out the Form 35.1?**

Yes

No

Continue



**Follow up pathways**

Enter the email address where you want the links to be emailed.

You will receive one email that contains links to all of the additional guided pathways that you need to complete.

Continue

# Completes court forms and documents



Enter your name and date of birth:

First name: (Required)  
Jane

Middle names:  
Smith

Last name: (Required)  
Doe

Date of birth: (Required)  
01/01/1980  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Continue

ONTARIO

[SEAL] Superior Court of Justice Family Court Branch  
(Name of court)

at 75 Mulcaster Street, Barrie, ON, L4M3P2  
Court office address

Court File Number

Form 8: Application (General)

Applicant(s)

Full legal name: Jane Smith Doe  
Address: 1 Main St Unit 1, Toronto, Ontario A1A 1A1  
Phone & fax: Phone: 111-111-1111 Fax: A1234567  
Email: Janedoe@gmail.com

Applicant(s) Lawyer

Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
Phone & fax: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]

Respondent(s)

Full legal name: John Wright Doe  
Address: 2 Main St Unit 2, Toronto, Ontario A2A 2A2  
Phone & fax: Phone: 222-222-2222 Fax: B1234567  
Email: Johnndoe@gmail.com

Respondent(s) Lawyer

Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
Phone & fax: [Redacted]  
Email: [Redacted]

TO THE RESPONDENT(S):

A COURT CASE HAS BEEN STARTED AGAINST YOU IN THIS COURT. THE DETAILS ARE SET OUT ON THE ATTACHED PAGES.

THE FIRST COURT DATE IS (date) [Redacted] AT [Redacted]  a.m.  p.m.  
or as soon as possible after that time, at (address) [Redacted]

ONTARIO

Superior Court of Justice Family Court Branch  
(Name of court)

at 75 Mulcaster Street, Barrie, ON, L4M3P2  
Court office address

Court File Number

Form 6B: Affidavit of Service sworn/affirmed

Applicant(s)

Postal code, telephone & fax numbers and e-mail address (if any):  
Jane Smith Doe  
1 Main St Unit 1, Toronto, Ontario A1A 1A1 Phone: 111-111-1111 Fax: A1234567 Email: Janedoe@gmail.com

Respondent(s)

Full legal name & address for service — street & number, municipality, postal code, telephone & fax numbers and e-mail address (if any):  
John Wright Doe  
2 Main St Unit 2, Toronto, Ontario A2A 2A2 Phone: 222-222-2222 Fax: B1234567 Email: Johnndoe@gmail.com

Lawyer's name & address — street & number, municipality, postal code, telephone & fax numbers and e-mail address (if any):

My name is (full legal name) [Redacted]  
I live in (municipality & province) [Redacted]  
and I swear/affirm that the following is true:

1. On (date) [Redacted] at (time) [Redacted], I served (name of person to be served) John Wright Doe with the following document(s) in this case:

Name of document	Author (if applicable)	Date when document signed, issued, sworn, etc.
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

# Completes court forms and documents



Enter the name and date of birth of the first child:

First name: (Required)  
Emily

Middle names:

Last name: (Required)  
Doe

Date of birth: (Required)  
02/01/2010  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Continue

What decision making-arrangement are you asking for?

Sole decision-making responsibility

Joint decision-making responsibility

Divided decision-making responsibility

Continue

Enter the schedule you think would be in Emily's best interests:

Emily will stay at John's every Friday night.

Continue

## Form 8: Application (General) - Schedule A

Re: DOE, Jane

Page 1 of 2

Give details of the order that you want the court to make. (Include any amounts of support (if known) and the names of the children for who support, decision-making responsibility, or parenting time is claimed.)

1. An order for a divorce.

### PARENTING ORDERS

1. An Order for sole decision-making responsibility for Emily Doe born February 01, 2010.

2. An order for parenting time for Emily Doe born February 01, 2010 in accordance with the following schedule: Emily will stay at John's every Friday night.

# Next steps



## Checklist of your family law forms

- Form 8: Application (General)
- Form 6: Acknowledgement of Service
- Form 6B: Affidavit of Service
- Cumulative Table of Contents
- Cover Continuing Record
- Cover Endorsements Record
- Endorsements Page
- Form 35.1: Affidavit in Support of Claim for Custody or Access

See the [instructions document](#) for information about what to do with your forms.

## Instructions for starting your family court case

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# Other family law pathways

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- Dispute resolution explorer
- Financial planning for separation
- Simple or joint divorce
- Answering a family law application
- Filing your support agreement for enforcement
- Replying to an answer
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- Trial management
- Requesting a motion to change on consent
- Responding to a motion to change
- Requesting a motion to change
- Making or responding to a motion
- Completing net family property forms
- Settlement conference
- Requesting a court fee waiver
- Drafting an order
- Orders issued on consent

# Accessing the Guided Pathways



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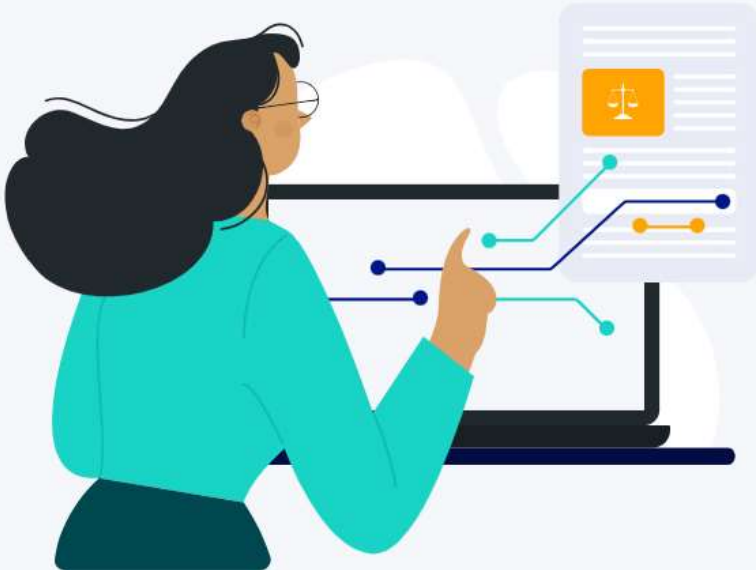
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## Family Law Rules Forms

[Notice to Profession: Changes to the Family Law Rules in force August 1 and September 1, 2020](#)

Electronic versions of forms under the [Family Law Rules, O. Reg. 114/99](#), are available in the table below, in a viewable (Adobe PDF) and fillable (Microsoft Word) format. Both formats are printable. The fillable format can be completed on-line and saved to your computer for future reference.

**You can file most family court forms online using the Ministry of the Attorney General's Justice Services Online. For more information about online filing, go to the [Government of Ontario website](#).**

If you cannot file online, file your documents in person at the courthouse or by email in accordance with the [Family Law Rules](#) and any orders, Notices, and Practice Directions issued by the [Ontario Court of Justice](#) and the [Superior Court of Justice](#).

If you need help completing your family court forms, you can use the [Guided Pathways to Family Court Forms](#), a free online tool developed by Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) and the Ministry of the Attorney General. The tool asks you questions and puts your answers into the required court forms. When you're finished, you can save or print your completed forms before filing them with the court.

You can also find more helpful information about family law on the Ministry's [Family Law](#) website and CLEO's [Steps to Justice](#) website.

To view PDF files, you will require Adobe Acrobat® Reader version 5.0 (or higher). You can download this free software from [Adobe's web site](#).

If you do not have Microsoft Word installed on your computer, you can download the MS-Word Viewer. It will allow you to view the fillable forms. You can download this free software from [Microsoft's web site](#).

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# Starting a Guided Pathway

## Welcome to the Guided Pathways

### New Users

It takes between **15 minutes and 4 hours** to answer all of the questions on a divorce form.

So it's best to **create an account** and then log in and get started. With an account, you can save your answers, log out, and come back and continue at any time.

If you don't create an account, you can still use the pathway as a **guest**. But you must answer all of the questions without stopping, until you come to the end.

[Create an Account](#)

[Continue as Guest](#)

### Sign into your account

Email

test@example.ca

Password

.....

[Log In](#)



Remember Me

[Forgot Password](#)

For help setting up an account and other technical support, contact [support@cleo.on.ca](mailto:support@cleo.on.ca)

We can't give legal advice or help you answer questions. If you need legal help or advice, talk to a lawyer.

# Register an account



## Register

Please complete the following form to create an account.

### Login Information

Email\*

Password\*   
Password must be between 8 and 15 characters long with at least one upper case, lower case, numeric and special character (like !, @, #, \$, %).

Confirm Password\*

Security Question\*

Security Answer\*

### Contact Information

First Name\*

Last Name\*

Organization

Title

Phone Number\*  Ext

Address Lookup

Address  P.O. Box / RR

Apt/Suite  City

Postal

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agree to the above Terms of Use

### Security Check

Enter Code\*

# Optional survey

**Part 1**

What device are you using to access our site?

What is your main purpose for visiting this site today?

Is someone helping you to use this site today?

Age group (years)

What region of Ontario do you live in?

Education

How many people are in your household?  ?

What is your main source of household income?  ?

What is your total yearly household income before taxes?

?

# Optional survey

## Part 2

We collect this data to ensure that we are serving Ontario's diverse communities. People who are racialized (Indigenous Peoples and people of colour) are more likely to experience higher levels of poverty, and to have related problems like poor health, lower education, and fewer job opportunities than non-racialized people.

For more information, see [colourofpoverty.ca](http://colourofpoverty.ca).

**How do you describe yourself?** Select as many as you want:

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous/Aboriginal/First Peoples from outside Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American    | <input type="checkbox"/> East Asian             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations (or Indian as defined by the Indian Act)  | <input type="checkbox"/> West Asian        | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asian        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit   | <input type="checkbox"/> Black             | <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-racial / Mixed race |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metis   | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian       | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Status Indian                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> White / Caucasian | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab  |  |   |

**Other (please specify)**

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### About this Guided Pathway

**If you or your children are in danger, call 911.**

To exit this pathway quickly, click the red Quick exit button in the top left corner.

#### What this pathway does

This pathway helps you fill out **Form 8: Application (General)**. This form is used to start a family court case.

You can use this form to ask the court for:

- a **divorce**
- **parenting orders**, including **decision-making responsibility** and **parenting time** (custody and access)
- **child support** or **spousal support**
- orders about **property**

You can also use this form to ask for a **restraining order** and for other **orders** covered by the **Divorce Act** (if you are or were **legally married** to the other person), the **Family Law Act**, and the **Children's Law Reform Act**.

When you ask the court for something it is called a **claim**.

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### What you need to get started

Try to collect as much information as possible before you start the pathway.

What type of information and documents you need depends on what you're asking the court for. For example, you might need:

- any **agreements** you already have about your children, **child** or **spousal support**, a **Notice of Calculation** or **Notice of Recalculation** related to support
- if you're asking for child or spousal support, information about your **income**, and if you have it, the other person's income
- if you're asking for a **parenting order**, information about your children's schedules and any special needs they have
- if you're **married**, your date of marriage
- names, birth dates, and the dates and locations of any previous **divorces** for you and the other person in your case
- if you have children, their names, and birth dates, and where they live now

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**What is the full name of the other person in this case?**

This is the person you were in a relationship with or have a child with. Their name will appear on your court forms.

**First name: (Required)**

**Middle names:**

**Last name: (Required)**

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**What is the full name of the other person in this case?**

This is the person you will be talking to. Their name will be on legal documents.

**First name: (Required)**

**Middle names:**

**Last name: (Required)**

Continue

**What name to enter** [X]

Use the name that's on legal documents like a birth certificate, passport, or your marriage certificate (if you're married).

If you don't know the other person's full legal name, enter whatever names you do know.

If the other person only has one name, enter it in the First Name field. In the Last Name field, enter an asterisk: \*.

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**What is the full name of the other person in this case?**

This is the person you were in a relationship with or have a child with. Their name will appear on your court forms.

**First name: (Required)**

**Middle names:**

**Last name: (Required)**

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### Claims about your relationship

If you don't want to ask for any of these, leave them blank. You'll see more options on the next few screens.

Check all the **claims** you want to make:

- Divorce
- Spousal support

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### Claims about your relationship

If you don't want to ask for more options on the next screen, you can check all the claims you want to ask for now.

Divorce

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**Spousal support** is money paid by one spouse to the other spouse after they separate or **divorce**. You don't automatically get spousal support. You must show the court that you have a legal right to get it.

If spousal support is paid, the person with the higher income almost always pays it to the person with the lower income. The [Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines](#) help lawyers and judges figure out how much and how long support needs to be paid.

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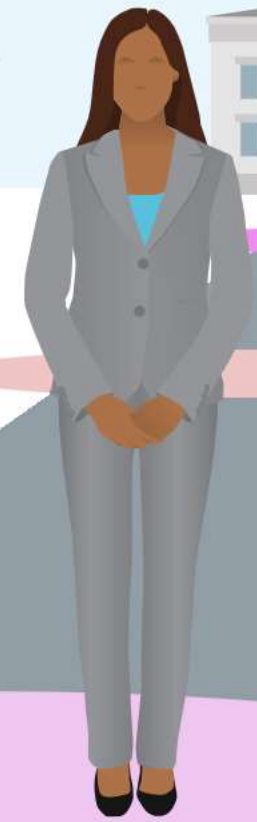
### Claims about your relationship

If you don't want to ask for any of these, leave them blank. You'll see more options on the next few screens.

Check all the **claims** you want to make:

- Divorce
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**Claims about your children**

Check all the **claims** you want to make:

- Child support**
- Decision-making responsibility**
- Parenting time**
- Other parenting orders**

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**Claims about your children**

Check all the claims

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**Decision-making responsibility** means the responsibility for making important decisions about your child's well-being. This includes decisions about their:

- health
- education
- culture, language, religion, and spirituality
- important extra-curricular activities

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**Claims about your children**

Check all the claims

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**Parenting time** is the time that your child spends in the care of a parent, step-parent, or someone else who acts as a parent to your child.

Your parenting time might include time when your child is not with you. For example, you might have parenting time from Wednesday at 5 p.m. until Thursday at 6 p.m., even though your child is in school on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If your child was sick on Thursday, you would be responsible for them.

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**Claims about your children**

Check all the **claims** you want to make:

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**Claims about property**

Check all the **claims** you want to make:

- Equalization of net family properties
- Exclusive possession of matrimonial home
- Exclusive possession of contents of matrimonial home
- Sale of family property
- Freezing assets
- Guardianship over child's property

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**Other claims**

Check off all the **claims** you want to make:

- Restraining/non-harassment order
- Declaration of parentage
- Costs
- Annulment of marriage
- Prejudgment interest
- Claims relating to a family arbitration
- Other

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### Information about your marriage

The next set of questions asks for information about you and John and about your relationship.

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Date of your marriage to John:

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When did you and John start living together?

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**Are you and John still living together?**

- No
- Yes, not as a couple
- Yes, as a couple

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Are you and John still living together?

- No
- Yes, not as a couple
- Yes, as a couple

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To be considered separated, you have to want to live **separate and apart**. This means that you decide that you want to end your relationship and you're acting in a way that shows this. Only one **spouse** or **partner** has to want this for you to be separated.

Which answer to select:

Select **No** if you've stopped living in the same home as John.

Select **Yes, not as a couple** if you're living in the same home but have stopped acting as a couple. For example, this means that you don't go out or eat together, and have stopped having sex. It also means people know that you have separated and are no longer a couple.

Select **Yes, as a couple** if you're living together and acting as a couple. For example, you could be going out together, eating together, or continuing to have sex. This means that you're not separated.

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**Are you and John still living together?**

- No
- Yes, not as a couple
- Yes, as a couple

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### Date when you and John separated

Enter the exact date if you know it.

If you're not sure, enter the date that's closest to when you think you **separated**, and check the box below.

(mm/dd/yyyy)

This is my best estimate

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### Date when you and John separated

Enter the exact date in the box below. If you're not sure, enter the date you were **separated**, and check the box below.

(mm/dd/yyyy)

This is my best estimate

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**Your date of separation**

It's very important to give the court the correct date that you separated. For some couples this is difficult to figure out, especially if they separated and then tried living together again.

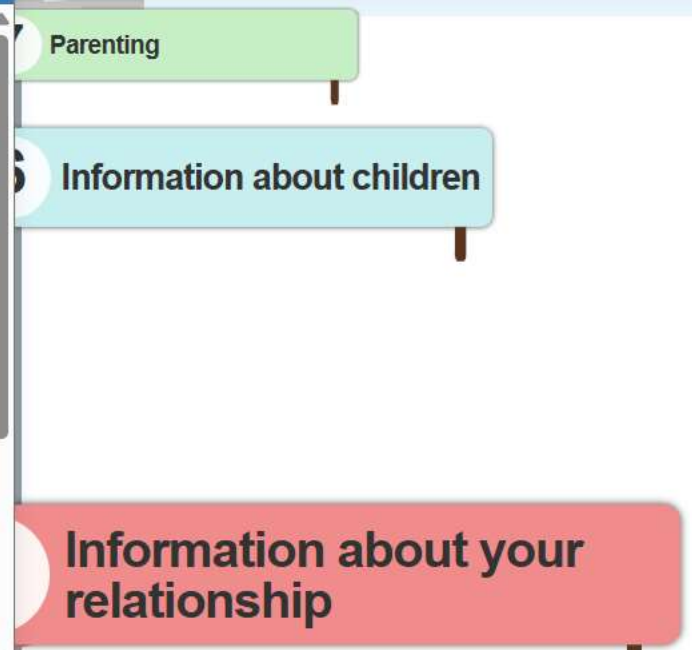
If you're not sure if or when you separated, it's important to [talk to a lawyer](#).

This law says that your date of separation is the date when you started living **separate and apart**. This means that:

- you or your spouse or partner decide you want to end your relationship, **and**
- you're acting in a way that shows this.

For example, this might be the date when you started to:

- live in separate homes
- sleep in different rooms in the same home
- separate your money and finances
- do things on your own, such as having meals, going on vacations, or celebrating holidays
- telling people, including your children, that you are separated





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**Information about children**

The next set of questions asks about children you and John are financially responsible for.

You'll need to enter:

- the child's name
- their date of birth
- who they live with

**Which children should I include?**

Include all:

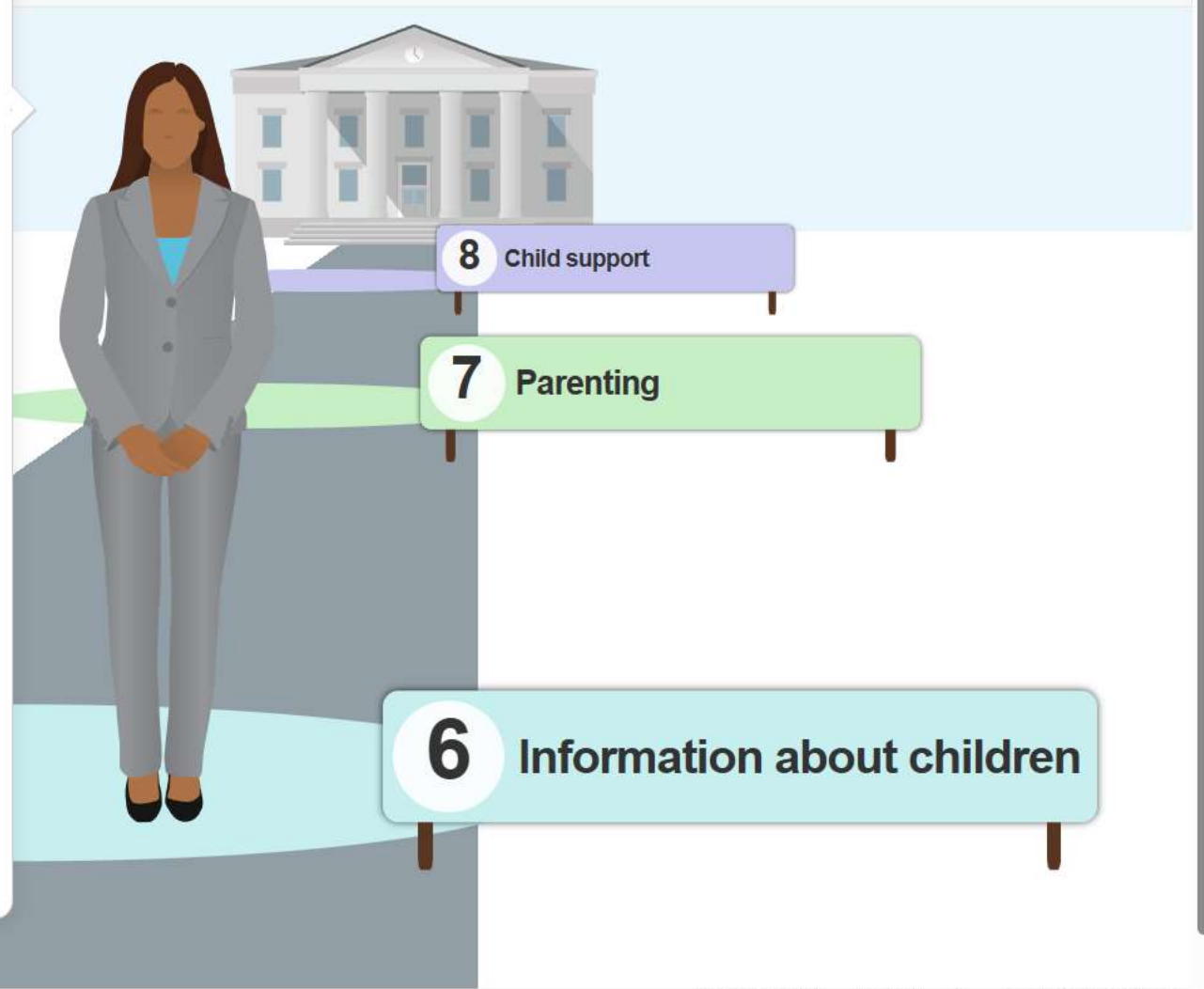
- children and stepchildren you and John have together
- children who lived with you when you **separated**
- children you or John have **decision-making responsibility** for
- children over 18 who still rely on you or John for financial support

Do not include children over 18 who no longer rely on you for financial help.

**How many children can I list?**

You can list **up to 6 children** in this pathway.

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**Enter the name and date of birth of the first child:**

**First name: (Required)**

**Middle names:**

**Last name: (Required)**

**Date of birth: (Required)**  
  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

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Enter the name and date of birth of...

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Enter the name and date of birth of the second child:

First name: (Required)

Jennifer

Middle names:

Marie

Last name: (Required)

Doe

Date of birth: (Required)

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(mm/dd/yyyy)

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**True or false?** You need the same parenting order for all your children.



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**True or false?** When you ask for parenting orders on the Form 8, you need to explain why it is in your best interests.



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**True or false?** Children get to pick where they live and how they spend time with each parent.

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### Parenting orders

This section is about your claim for a parenting order, which includes:

- decision-making responsibility
- parenting time
- other parenting orders

For the **Form 8: Application (General)**, you need information that:

- clearly states what parenting order you want the court to make
- shows why the parenting order is in the **best interests** of the children.

First, we are going to ask about the specific parenting orders you are asking the court to make.

After those questions, you will have an opportunity to explain why the orders you are asking for are in the children's best interests.

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### Decision-making responsibility

This section is about the **court order** you're asking for to decide who can make important decisions for your children.

These are the main types of **decision-making responsibility**:

- **Sole decision-making responsibility**
- **Joint decision-making responsibility**
- **Divided decision-making responsibility**
- **Split decision-making responsibility**

There can be other types of decision-making arrangements.

If you're not sure which option to choose, it's a good idea to **talk to a lawyer**.

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### Orders about decision-making responsibility

Do you want to enter the same **decision-making responsibility** information for all of your children, or enter it separately for each child?

- Enter once for all children
- Enter separately for each child

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**Orders about decision-making responsibility**

Do you want to enter the same decision-making responsibility information for all of your children?

Enter once for all children

Enter separately for each child

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such as decisions about:

- health care
- education
- religion, culture, and language
- major extracurricular activities

**Why you might enter different information for each child**

Some people ask for different decision-making arrangements for different children. This can happen when:

- the children are different ages
- they have different needs
- their relationship with each parent is different

**Which answer to select**

Choose **Enter once for all children** if you want to enter the same decision-making responsibility arrangement for all of your children.

Choose **Enter separately for each child** if:

- you want a different arrangement for some of your children
- one or more of your children is over 18 and can make decisions for themselves

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**Orders about decision-making responsibility**

Do you want to enter the same **decision-making responsibility** information for all of your children, or enter it separately for each child?

- Enter once for all children
- Enter separately for each child

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What **decision-making** arrangement are you asking for?

- Sole decision-making responsibility
- Joint decision-making responsibility
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What **decision-making** arrangement are you asking for?

Sole decision-making responsibility

Joint decision-making responsibility

Split decision-making responsibility

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**Joint decision-making responsibility** is when both parents must agree on important decisions that affect their child. It includes decisions about the child's:

- health,
- education,
- **culture, language**, religion, and **spirituality**
- **significant extra-curricular activities**

One parent cannot decide these things on their own. The other parent must also agree.

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What decision-making arrangement are you asking for?

- Sole decision-making responsibility
- Joint decision-making responsibility
- Split decision-making responsibility
- Divided decision-making responsibility

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- Select **Sole decision-making responsibility** if you want to have the legal authority to make important decisions about your child's well-being.
- Select **Joint decision-making responsibility** if you want to make major decisions about your children together with John.
- Select **Split decision-making responsibility** if you want to make decisions for one or more of your children and you want John to make decisions for another of your children.
- Select **Divided decision-making responsibility** if you want to be responsible making for some kinds of decisions (for example, decisions about health and religion), and John responsible for other types of decisions (for example, on education).

If you're not sure what type of decision-making responsibility order you want, [talk to a lawyer](#).

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What **decision-making** arrangement are you asking for?

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Select each child that you want included in the order:

- Timothy
- Jennifer

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This section is about the **court order** you're asking for about **parenting time**.  
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**Parenting time order**  
Select each child you want the court to include in a **parenting time order**:

- Timothy
- Jennifer

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### Parenting time order

Do you want the same **parenting time orders** for each of the children you selected? Click [here](#) to see which children you selected.

- Yes
- No

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### Parenting time order

Do you want the same **parenting time orders** for each of the children you selected? Click [here](#) to see which children you selected.

- Yes
- No

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Enter the schedule you think would be in your children's **best interest**:

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Enter the schedule you think would be in your children's **best interest**:

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### How to answer this

You're being asked to describe the **parenting time order** you want the court to make for how the children will spend time with you and John.

In your answer, try to be as clear and specific as possible. Include:

- whether they will spend time with each of you on a regular schedule, such as every weekend or every other week
- whether the schedule will be flexible, depending on what the children want or what works best at the time (sometimes called **reasonable parenting time**)
- how the children will spend time with each of you on holidays, birthdays, or other important days
- whether John should not have any parenting time because they may put the children in danger
- whether John should only spend time with the children if someone supervises the visit (called **supervised parenting time**)

**If you're asking for supervised parenting time, include:**

- the name of the person or organization who will supervise the visits. This could be a relative, like a parent, sibling, or aunt, or a professional
- the location of the visits. For example, a **supervised parenting centre** or a family

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Enter the schedule you think would be in your children's best interest:

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Here are sample examples to help you think about what to write. These are just examples, using made-up names and situations.

Your answer should reflect your own experience and what you believe is best for your children.

**Regular schedule:**  
Tyler will have parenting time with Samantha every weekend from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

I will have parenting time from Sunday at 5:00 p.m. to Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Tyler will spend Christmas Eve with Samantha, and I will spend Christmas Day with her.

On even years, Samantha will spend her birthday with me. On odd years, she will spend her birthday with Tyler.

**Reasonable or flexible parenting time:**  
Mohammad and I will have flexible parenting time. We will each give the other 24 hours'

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**Enter the schedule you think would be in your children's best interest:**

The children will spend every weekend with John, from 5pm Friday to 6pm Sunday]

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Do you want to ask for a **court order** about anything else related to parenting?

Yes

No

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**Do you want to ask for a **court order** about anything else related to parenting?**

Yes

No

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You're being asked if you want to ask the court for any **other parenting orders**, other than **decision-making responsibility** and **parenting time**.

These types of orders can help set clear rules about how you and John will handle specific parenting situations. They can also help prevent conflict or confusion in the future.

For example, an order that:

- the child is dropped off and picked up at a specific place, or the exchange is supervised by someone else
- you and John give each other notice before moving more than 25 km away
- each of you can take the children out of school for up to one week for vacation
- you will hold your child's passports and give it to John when needed for travel. The passport must be returned to you within 48 hours of the child's return.
- all communication between you and John about your children happens through a parenting app, like Our Family Wizard
- neither parent can use alcohol while caring for the children.
- the children can contact the other parent daily by FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, or phone

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### Why your parenting order is in your children's best interests

The next few questions ask you to explain why the **parenting orders** you're asking for are in your children's **best interests**.

We'll ask about things like:

- their needs
- their relationship with each of you
- how well each of you can care for them
- whether there has been **family violence**

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Do any of your children have any **unique needs or circumstances** that impact a **parenting order**?

Yes

No

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Do any of your children have any **unique needs or circumstances** that impact a **parenting order**?

- Yes
- No

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**Unique needs or circumstances** are details about your child that are important when thinking about a **parenting order**.

Some common examples are:

- A child has learning or developmental disabilities that affect what school they need to attend.
- A child has mobility issues that limit the type of home they can comfortably live in.
- A child is treated by a medical or mental health specialist who they need to continue seeing.
- A child has an unusual schedule because of sports or artistic activities.
- A child has a special diet because of an allergy or other medical condition.

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Do any of your children have any **unique needs or circumstances** that impact a **parenting order**?

- Yes
- No

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You may have asked for certain **parenting orders** in this pathway because your children have **unique needs or circumstances**.

For example:

- If your child has a disability and you're their primary caregiver, you may want **sole decision-making responsibility**.
- If your child has a specific routine for school or extracurricular activities, you may ask for a **parenting time** schedule that fits around it.

#### How to answer this question

Select **Yes** if any of the parenting orders you asked for relate to a child's unique needs or circumstances.

Select **No** if the parenting orders you asked for are not based on any unique needs or circumstances.

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**What was your relationship with your children like before you and John separated?**

The relationship was good.

**What was John's relationship with your children like before you and John separated?**

The relationship was also good.

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Has your relationship with the children changed since you and John **separated**?

- Yes, their relationship with me has changed
- Yes, their relationship with John has changed
- Yes, their relationship with both of us has changed
- No, their relationship with me or John hasn't changed

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- Yes
- No
- I don't know

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This question is about whether your children undefined a close relationship with someone other than you or John.

These relationships might include:

- siblings
- grandparents
- aunts or uncles
- other trusted adults (for example, a family friend or neighbour who helps care for them)

The court considers these relationships when deciding what parenting arrangements are in your children's **best interests**. Staying connected to important people can help provide stability during times of change.

If you're not sure who to include, think about:

- who your child sees or talks to often
- who they turn to for care, comfort, or advice
- whether they would be affected if they couldn't see this person anymore

Select **Yes** if your child has this kind of relationship with someone.

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**Your children's relationships with other important people**  
**Describe their relationships with other family members or important people in their life:**

The children are very close to their aunt Mary, who is John's sister.

**How the **parenting orders** you're asking for will help keep these relationships:**

Mary is going to be at John's house whenever the children are there for the weekend. The children will get to spend quality time with her.

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### Your children's relationship with John

How have you supported your children's relationship with John?

I remind Timothy and Jennifer to call John when they're not together. We've made cards and gifts for John's birthday and Father's Day. I've always made sure the children are packed and ready for their visits with John.

How will you support their relationship going forward?

I'll keep encouraging regular contact and make sure the children talk to John. I'll continue to include John in important updates about Timothy's health when he cannot attend doctor appointments.

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**What parenting duties did you usually do before you separated?**

I took care of most of the parenting duties, including preparing meals, helping the children with their hygiene, and scheduling and attending medical and dental appointments and playdates.

**What parenting duties did John usually do before you separated?**

John assisted with all the bedtime duties and taking the children to their extracurricular activities on the weekends. He would help with preparing meals and attended medial and dental appointments when he could.

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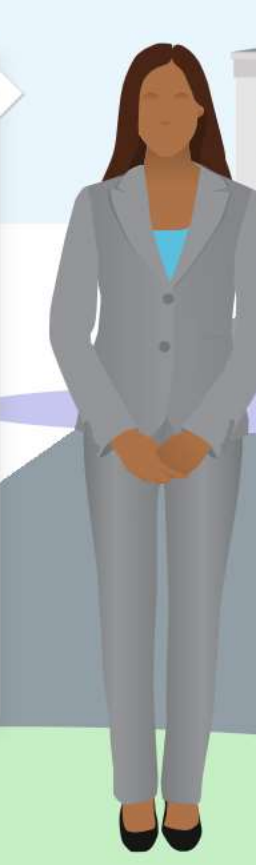
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**Changes to parenting duties**

Have there been any changes to the **parenting duties** you or John take care of?

Yes  
 No

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### Changes to parenting duties

You said that there have been changes to the **parenting duties** you or John take care of.

#### Explain how your day-to-day parenting duties have changed:

Before we separated I handled all of the school drop-offs and most of the meal preparation during the day, eating dinner with the children everyday. Now I only attend school drop-offs four times a week and no longer get to eat dinner with the children every day. I also attend less weekend activities with

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### Your children's views and wishes

The court must consider the views and wishes of children who are able to express them. Usually, the court places more weight on a child's views and wishes the older they are and the more mature they are.

You children may have told you their views about where they live or how decisions that impact them are made. Or, they may have told a psychologist or social worker who reported what your children want to you and John.

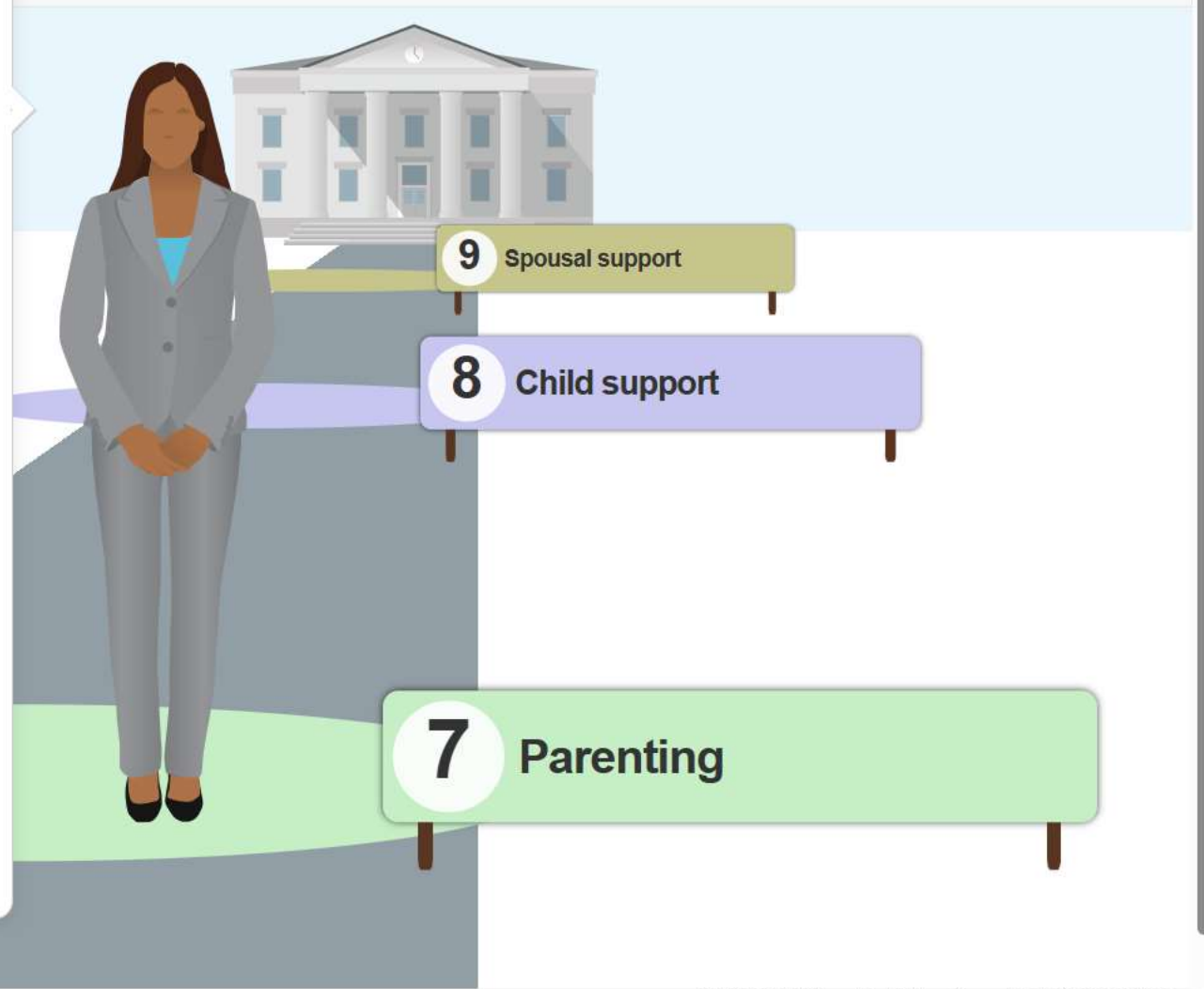
Each of your children may also have different views and wishes about what decisions are made for them, or how they spend their time with you and John. But your children's views and wishes are only one of many things the court looks at. The court will not make a decision based only on what your children want.

The court uses this information to help decide what's in your children's **best interests**.

**Are you aware of any views or wishes your children have about where they live or how they spend time with you and John?**

- Yes
- No

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### Your children's heritage and upbringing

The court may consider your children's heritage and upbringing if these affect how you make decisions for them or how they spend time with each parent.

This can include their:

- cultural background
- language background
- religious or spiritual background

The court uses this information to help decide what's in your children's **best interests**.

**Do any of your children have a cultural, language, religious, or spiritual background that the court should know about?**

- Yes
- No

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### Plan of care

The court needs to know how you and John plan to care for your children going forward.

You can describe your plan in general terms or include more details.

You may have already entered information about the **parenting time** and **decision-making** arrangements you're asking for. This is your chance to describe anything else about how you and John plan to care for your children.

This helps the court understand what's in your children's **best interests**.

#### What is your and John's plan for caring for your children?

The plan for the children's care will be as outlined in the parenting orders for decision-making responsibility and parenting time.

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### Meeting your children's needs

The court looks at each parent's ability and willingness to meet a child's needs. This includes your children's:

- **emotional needs**
- well-being
- **unique needs or circumstances**

This helps the court decide what parenting arrangements are in your children's **best interests**.

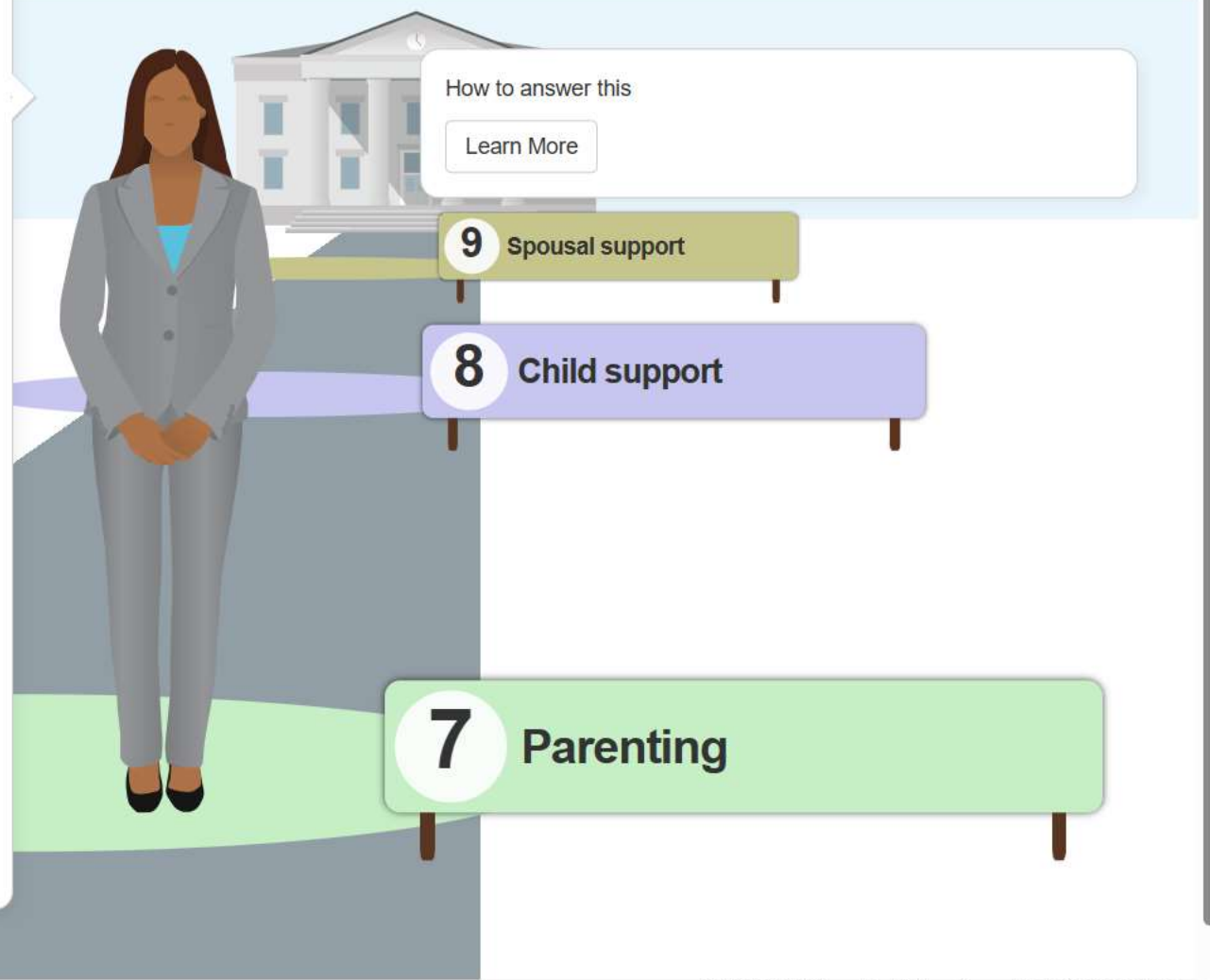
#### What are your strengths in caring for your children and meeting their needs?

I help with meals, school, and daily routines to keep the children's schedule consistent. I attend specialized medical appointments with Timothy and encourage both Timothy and Jennifer them in their extracurricular activities. I keep a clam household where the children feel safe and

#### What are John's strengths in caring for your children and meeting their needs?

John helps with the children's routines and makes and supports them in their extracurricular activities. John makes sure to call the children regularly when he is away from them to hear about their day and helps them with

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**Enter any limitations you may have when it comes to your ability to meet your children's needs:**

None.

**Enter any limitations John may have when it comes to their ability to meet your children's needs:**

None.

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### Communicating with John about parenting

The court looks at how willing you and John are to communicate with each other about parenting. This includes things like:

- your your children's needs
- their schedule and routines
- school and health
- other important matters, like travel plans or behaviour issues

How willing are you and John to talk or message each other about parenting?

John and I communicate on a daily basis via text about our children.

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**Family violence**

The next set of questions are about **family violence**.

The court needs to know if there is any family violence that affects:

- the safety or wellbeing of you or the children
- your ability to safely parent with John

**Content warning**

The following pages provide examples of different types of family violence. You'll also be asked to describe any family violence you or your children may have experienced. Some people may find this upsetting.

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**Family violence**

Has there been any **family violence** that would impact a **parenting order**?

Yes

No

I would like more information about family violence before answering this question

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### Types of family violence

Family violence can take different forms.

Click on the definitions below to learn more about the different types of family violence.

- Physical abuse
- Emotional or psychological abuse
- Financial abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Technological abuse
- Legal bullying
- Cultural abuse
- Heterosexist abuse

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Family violence can take many forms. Click on the definition of family violence.

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**Physical abuse** is the intentional use of force against you without your **consent**. For example, if John:

- throws things at you
- pushes, grabs, or shoves you
- pulls your hair or twists your arm
- pins you to a wall, floor, or bed
- chokes you or tries to strangle you
- kicks, hits, or punches you
- threatens you with a knife, gun, or other weapon
- tries to run you down with a car
- physically abuses your children
- hurts or kills pets
- forces you to end a pregnancy
- causes physical harm to you while you're pregnant
- forces you or your children to do things you don't want to do, like use drugs or alcohol

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**Financial abuse** is using money or property to control or exploit you. For example, if John:

- steals your money
- makes you give all your money to them
- makes you account for all the money you spend
- makes you ask for money to pay for basic needs like food
- withholds or limits how much money you spend
- prevents you from working or going to school
- refuses to get a job, even when they can, and makes you be the only earner
- forces you to sell things or change your will

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### Coercive and controlling behaviour

Coercive and controlling behaviour is also a type of family violence.

Coercive and controlling behaviour is a cumulative pattern of behaviour aimed at controlling or dominating another person through different ways.

Examples include:

- choosing their partner's clothing,
- controlling their money,
- preventing a partner from working or seeing friends,
- taking away a partner's car keys, wallet, or phone.

After separation, controlling partners often try to use the children to control their former spouse.

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**Fearing for safety**

Family violence can make a person fear for their safety or the safety of another family member or their children.

The children may also fear the abuser, even when there isn't a risk of future abuse.

If a child fears an abuser, the court may decide that a **supervised parenting order** is in the children's **best interests**.

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### Exposure to violence

Family violence might not be directed at your children. It might be directed at you, or another member of household.

Even if your children are not the direct target of the family violence, they can still be harmed by being exposed to family violence. Some of the ways that children can be exposed to family violence are:

- hearing or seeing **family violence** happen to someone else
- trying to stop family violence before it happens, or while it's happening from happening
- watching you deal with the impacts of the violence after it has happened

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What would you like to do now?

- Go back and enter information about **family violence**
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### Civil or criminal proceedings

The next questions are about any **civil or criminal proceedings** that affect the safety or well-being of the children.

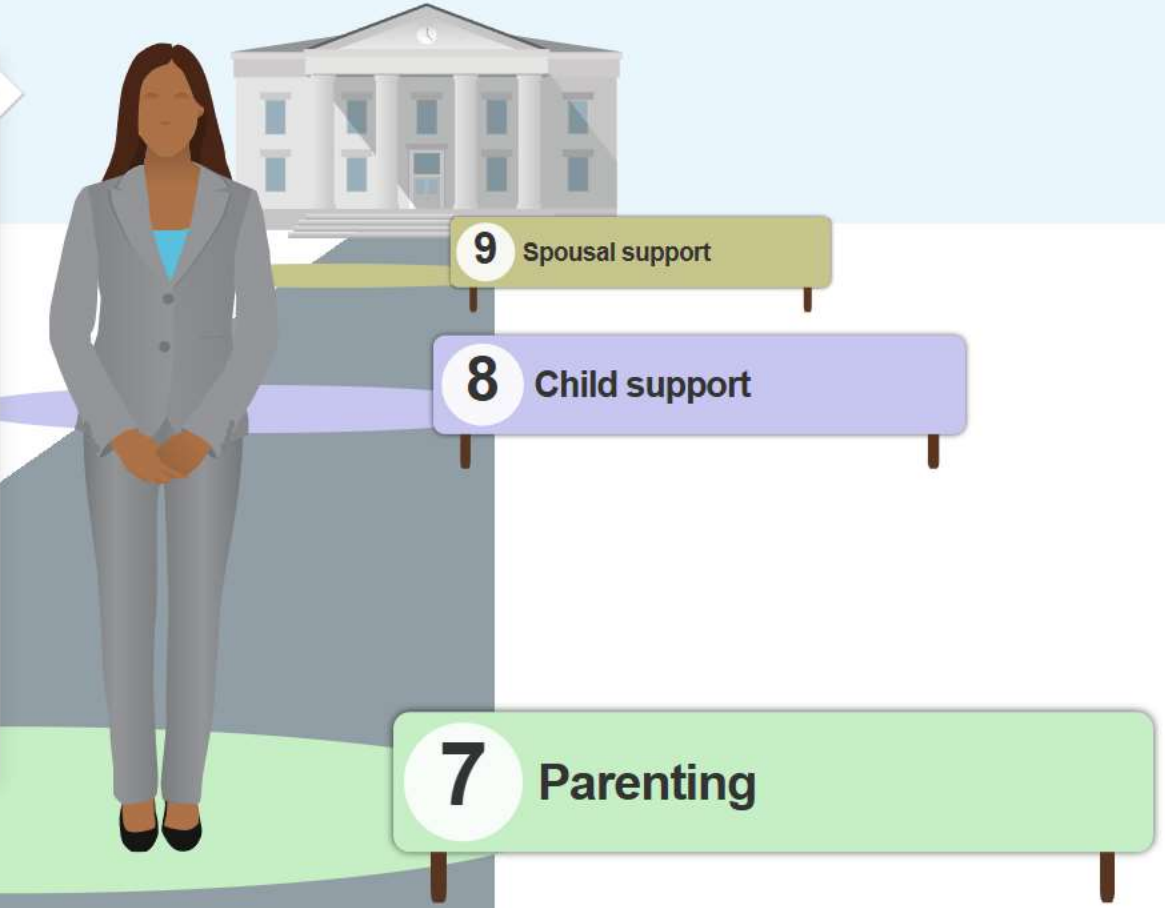
This includes:

- civil or criminal proceedings, including any orders or safety measures that the court ordered that could impact the safety and **well-being** of your children
- any police involvement with your family
- any involvement with the **Children's Aid Society** and your family.

You may have already provided information about civil or criminal proceedings, or involvement with the Children's Aid Society in relation to family violence. You do not need to enter this information again.

The court will use this information to help determine what is in the children's **best interests**.

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**Civil or criminal proceedings**

Are there any **civil or criminal proceedings**, orders, conditions or measures that are relevant to the safety or **well-being** of the children?

Yes

No

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This section is about **child support**.

For the **Form 8: Application (General)**, you need information that:

- clearly states what order you want the court to make about child support
- shows why the order is in the **best interests of the child**

The questions that follow gather that information.

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**How the court decides the amount of child support**

**Child support tables**

Usually, the court orders an amount of **child support** based on the **child support guidelines**. This amount is called the **table amount**. It's meant to cover expenses like clothes, food, and shelter.

**If you're married**, you're covered by the government of Canada's **Child Support Guidelines**. And the federal government's **Child Support Tables** set out the basic monthly amounts of child support.

**Special or extraordinary expenses**

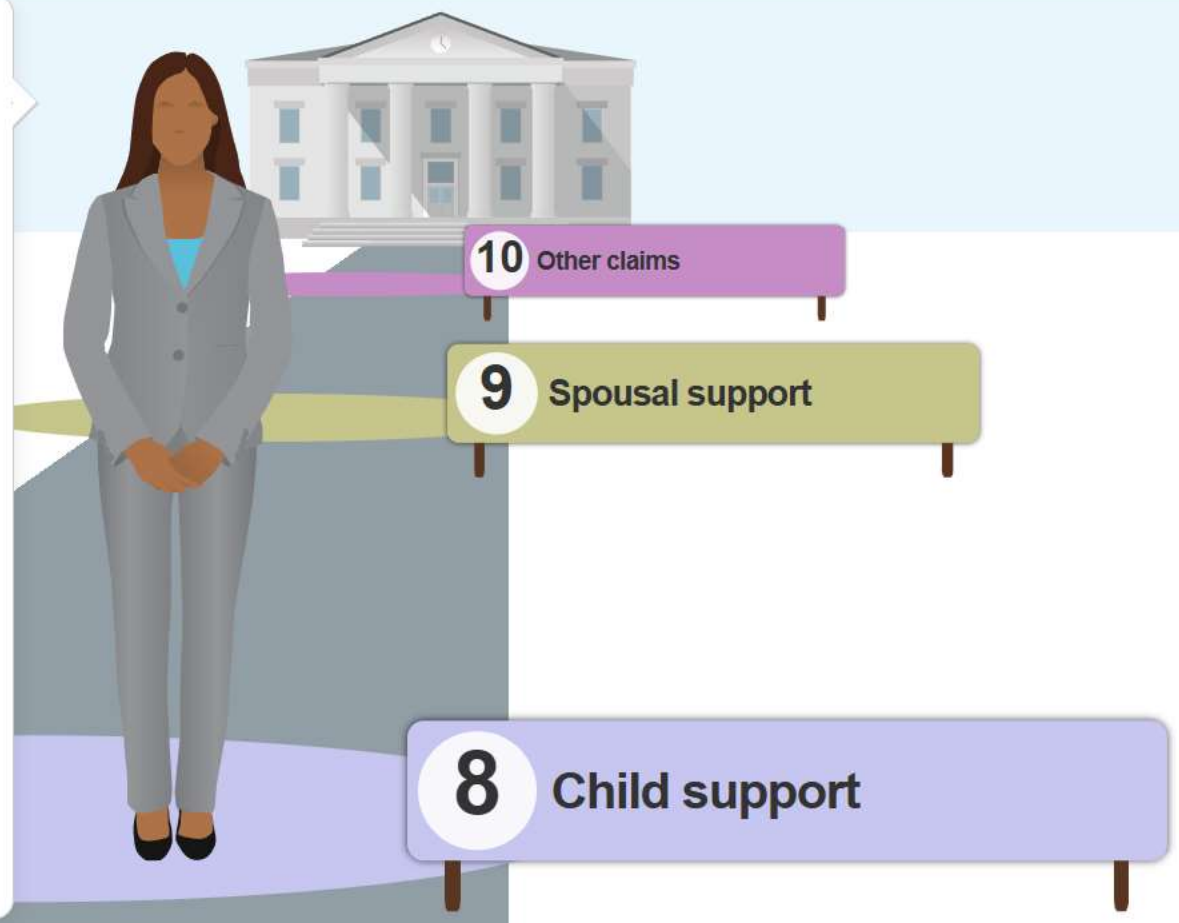
Along with the table amount, people often ask for extra child support to cover **special or extraordinary expenses**.

**Setting an amount of child support other than the table amount**

The court can order an amount other than the table amount only in certain situations:

- when a child is 18 or older
- when the parent paying support has a very high **income**
- when parents **share parenting time** and a child lives at least 40% of their time with each parent
- when there's **undue hardship**

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**Who will pay child support?**

I will

John will

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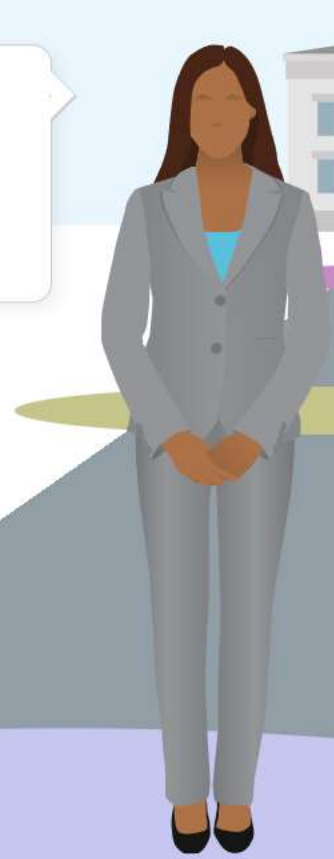
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Select each child you want included in the order for **child support**:

- Timothy
- Jennifer

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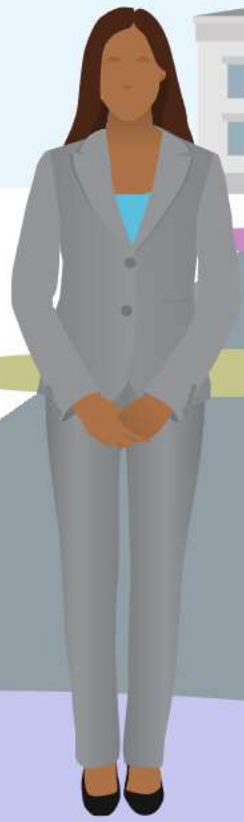




Amount John earns in a year:

I don't know John's income

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**Province where John lives:**

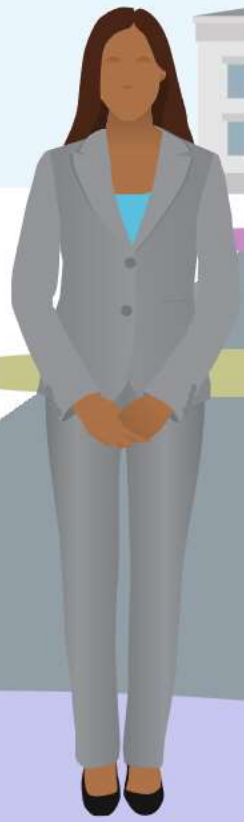
John lives or works outside of Canada

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How much **child support** are you asking for?

- I'm asking for the **table amount** alone
- I'm asking for the table amount and **special or extraordinary expenses**
- I'm asking for something other than the table amount

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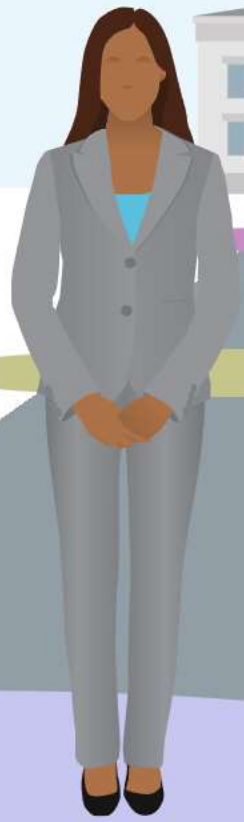
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Date you want **child support** payments to start:

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Select the children John has paid child support for:

- Timothy
- Jennifer
- None of the children

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### Spousal support for married couples

The next section is about **spousal support** and applies to people who are married and not married. So rather than refer to marriage, the questions refer to your relationship and when you moved in together.

When you answer the questions, think about the time you were married and any time you lived together before you got married.

Not everyone can get spousal support. You have to prove to the court that you're eligible to get it.

There are **3 ways** to be eligible to get spousal support:

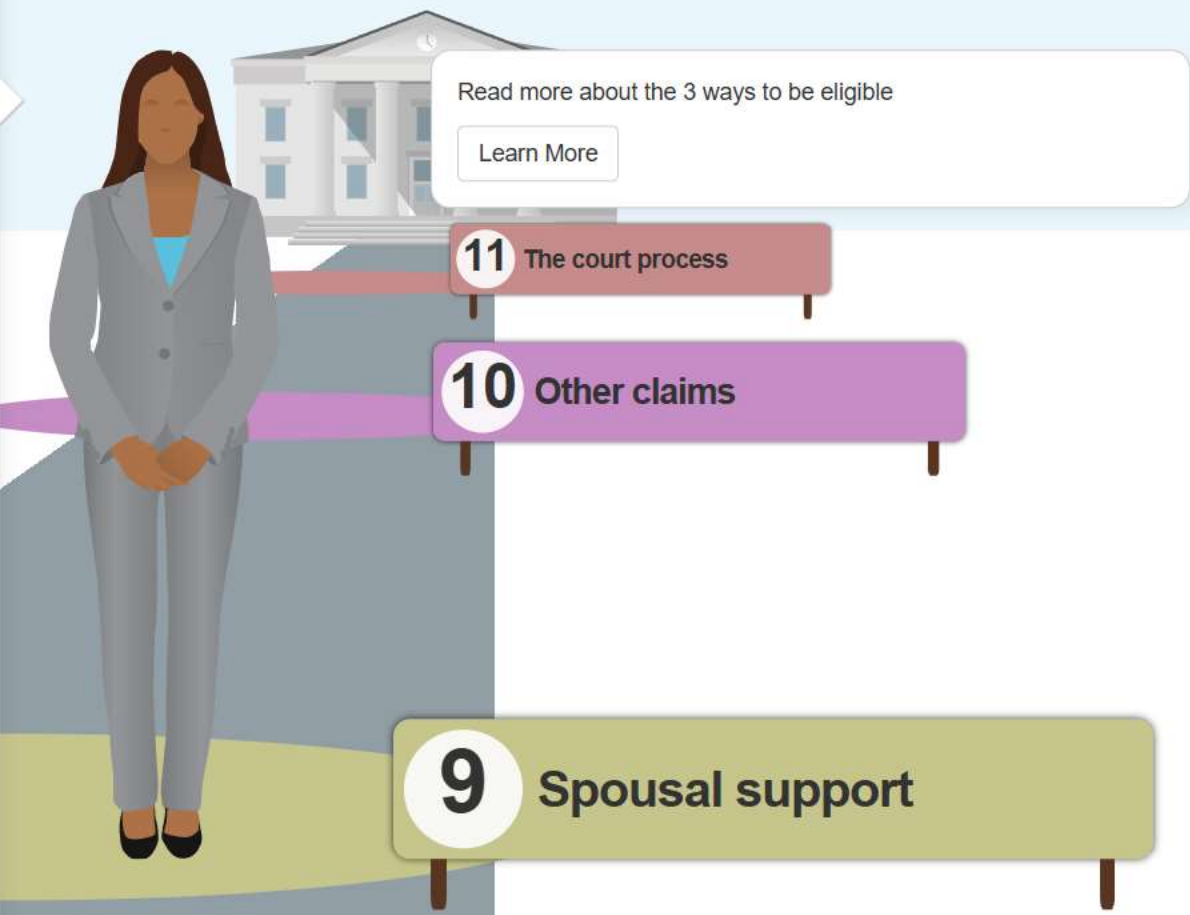
1. you and John made a contract about spousal support
2. you gave up career opportunities or took on a greater share of child care responsibilities in order to help John build their career and their ability to earn money
3. you don't have enough money to support yourself after separating

You have to give the court information that shows that you're eligible for one or more of these reasons.

The questions that follow collect this information and also ask about how much spousal support you want and when you want payments to start.

The information is used to create the wording for the order that you want the court to make about spousal support.

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Do you have a signed **agreement** or **contract** that mentions **spousal support**?

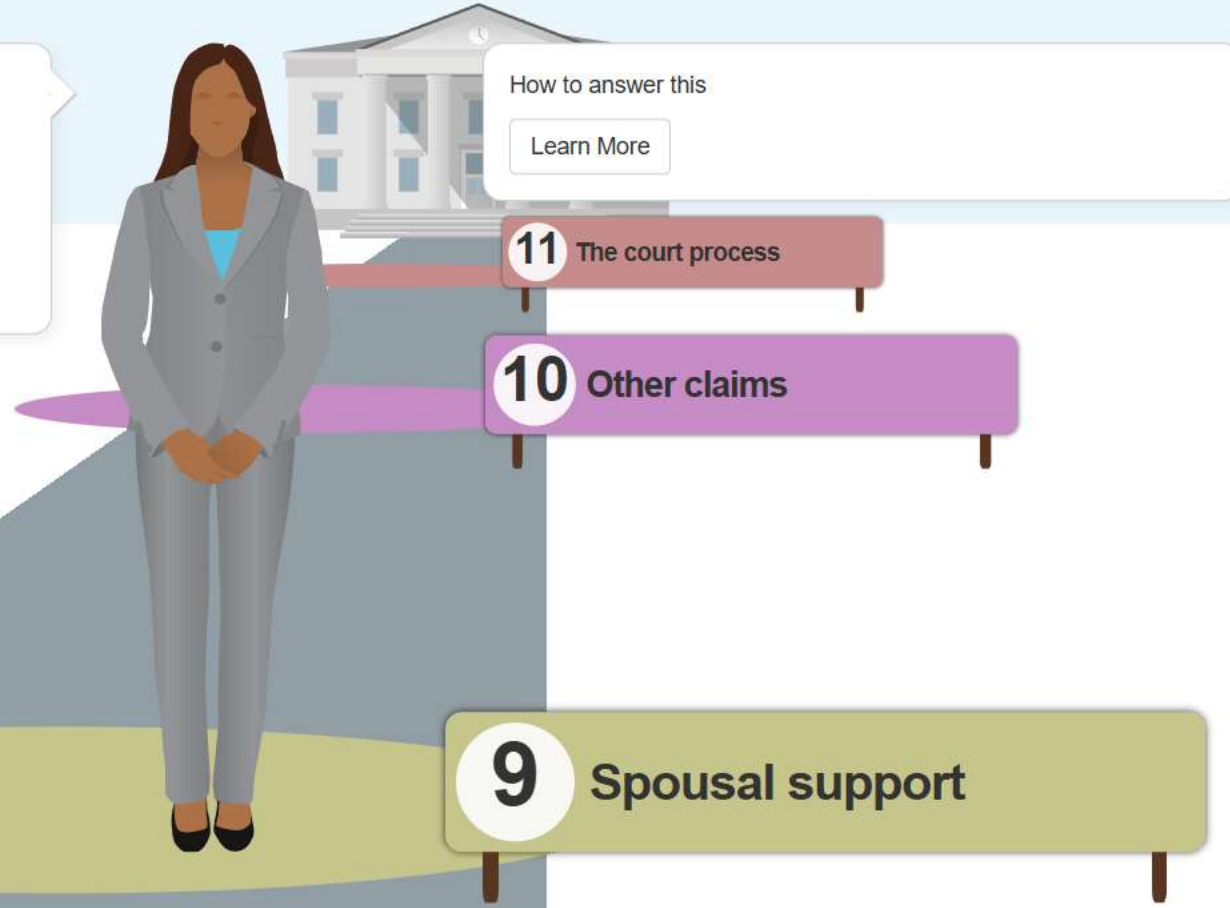
Yes

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Enter the date you want **spousal support** payments to start:

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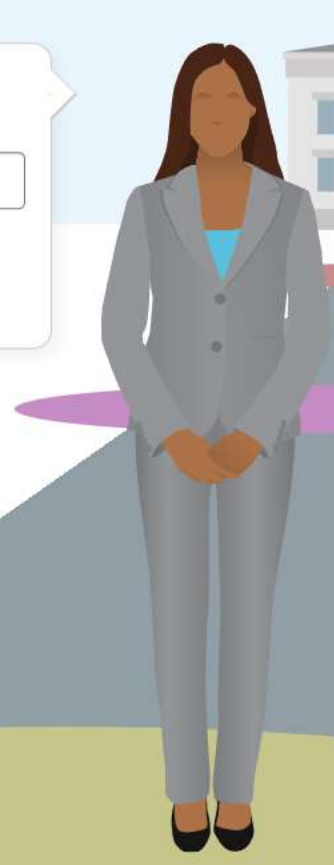
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Do you want to ask for a specific amount of **spousal support**?

- Yes
- No

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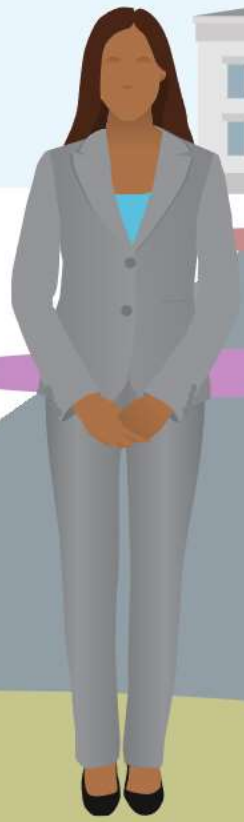
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**Figuring out the amount of spousal support**  
Enter the amount of monthly **spousal support** you want to ask for:

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### Facts that help the court decide if you are entitled to spousal support

Select all that apply:

- I worked before or during my relationship with John
- I cared for our children during my relationship with John
- I looked after our household during my relationship with John
- I have a medical condition that affects my ability to work
- I am financially dependent on John
- I was **financially abused** by John
- None of the above

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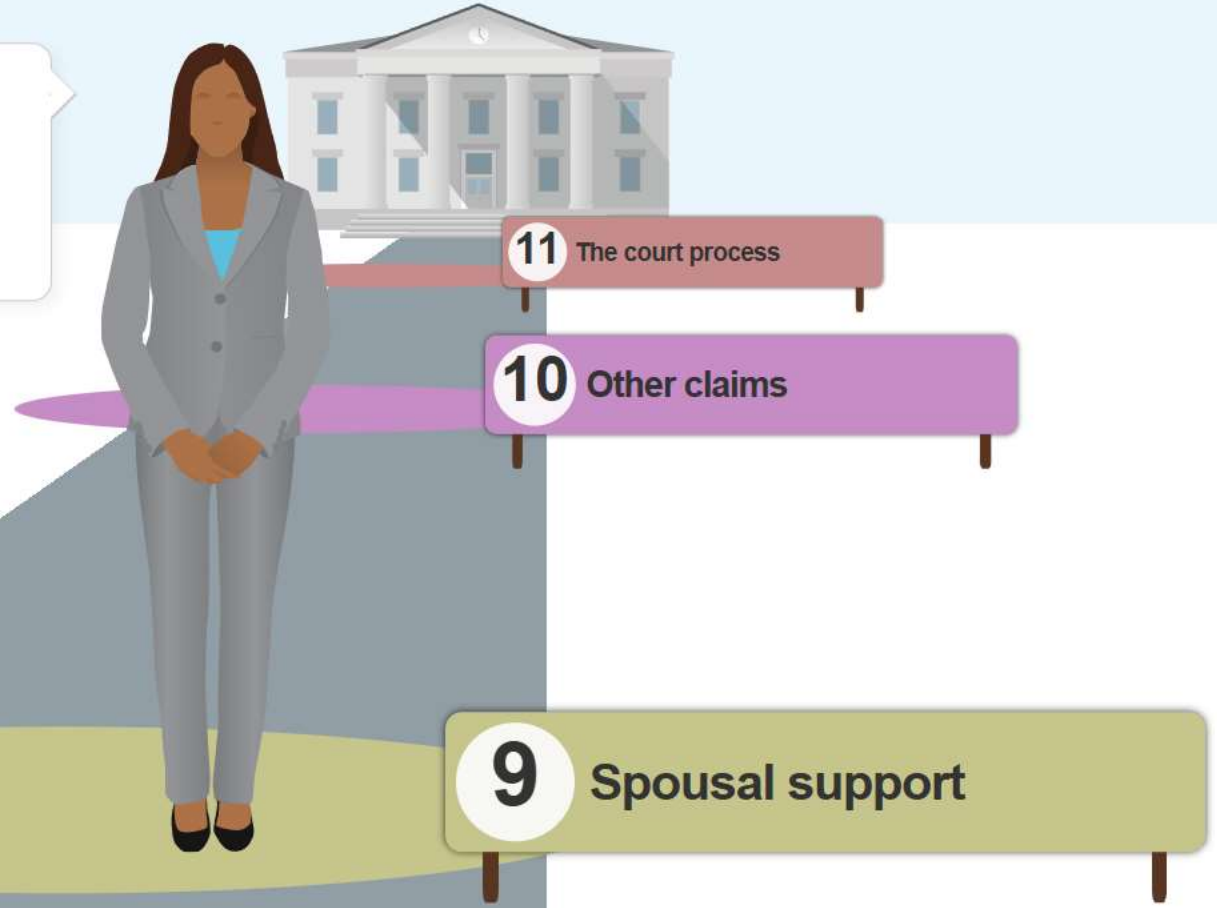


Were you working when you married John?

Yes

No

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**Describe the type of work you did when you married John:**

I was working as a teacher's assistant.

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Enter how much time you took off work for parental or pregnancy leave:

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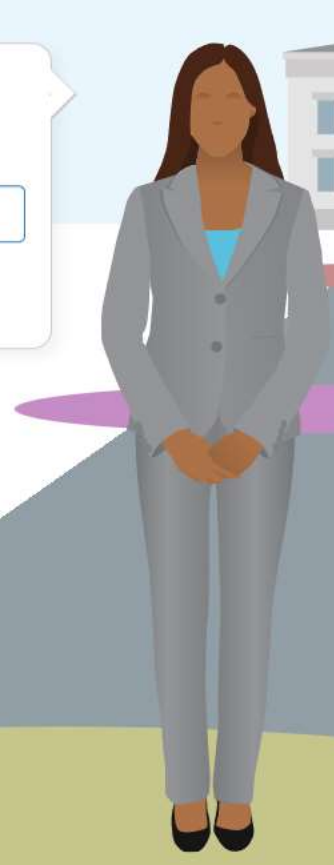
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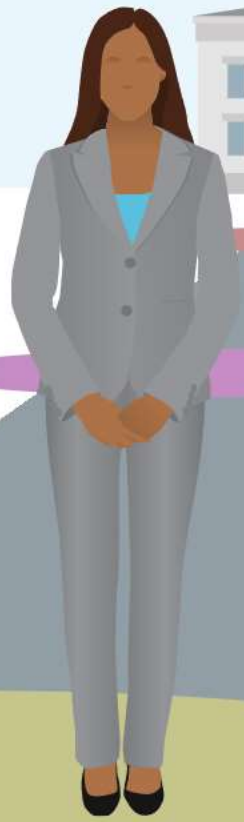


Before you separated, were your paycheques deposited into an account in your name or in a joint account?

Joint account ▾

Choose from this list:

- My account
- Joint account**
- Neither



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**Do you think your career or career opportunities would have been different if you had someone to look after your children while you worked?**

Yes  
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Do you think your career or career opportunities would have been different if you had someone to look after your children while you worked?

- Yes
- No

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### How to answer this

To decide the amount of **spousal support** and how long it's paid, the court considers a number of factors, including the roles you each had during your relationship.

You may want to answer **Yes** if you:

- focused on taking care of your family to enable John to focus on their career
- chose or changed your career, based on your priority to raise your children (for example, you only took jobs where you could work from home)
- limited your career development (like getting promotions) to take care of your children and home

Answer **No** if you think your career would have been the same even if you had childcare for your children.

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**Describe how you think your career or career opportunities would have been different if you had someone to look after your children while you worked:**

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I would have advanced my career, if I had someone to look after the children.

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# Finishing the pathway and accessing your forms



### The court process

You've now filled out some of the forms for your family law case. The next steps in the court process are to:

- find the right family court closest to you
- fill out the rest of your forms

You'll get information on the other forms you have to fill and the pathways you can use to fill them out after you finish this one.

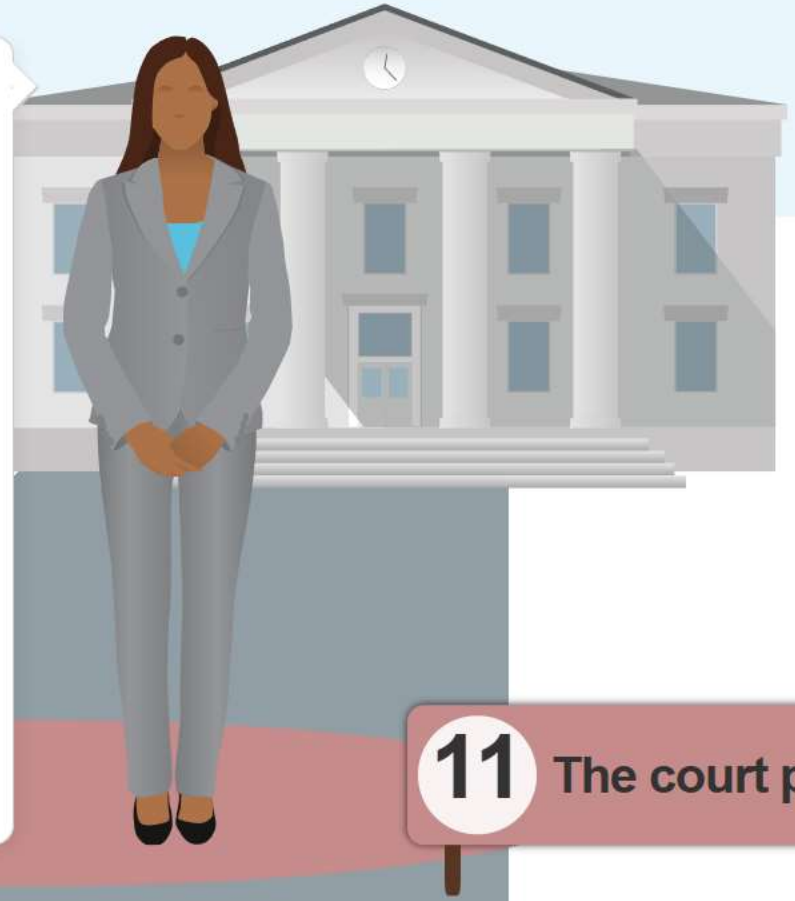
After you've filled out all the forms that you have to give to the court, the next steps in the court process are to:

- prepare your documents
- give your documents and payment to the court
- get your **Form 8: Application (General)** issued by the court

Issued means the court clerk signs, dates, and stamps your application. They also write a Court File Number in the top right-hand box on your **Form 8: Application (General)**.

After you do this, you have to **serve** your application. This means you have to give a copy of your documents to John.

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**Additional forms for decision-making responsibility or parenting time**

You have asked for **decision-making responsibility** or **parenting time** for a child. To make this **claim**, you will also need a **Form 35.1: Affidavit in Support of Claim for Decision-Making Responsibility, Parenting Time, or Contact Orders**. If you have not already filled out this form, there is another pathway that can help you.

**Would you like help filling out the Form 35.1?**

- Yes
- No

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**Additional forms for property claims**

You have asked to make a claim about property. To make this **claim**, you will also need a **Form 13.1: Financial Statement (Property and Support Claims)**. If you have not already filled out this form, there is another pathway that can help you.

**Would you like help filling out the Form 13.1?**

- Yes
- No

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**Follow up pathways**

Enter the email address where you want the links to be emailed.

You will receive one email that contains links to all of the additional guided pathways that you need to complete.


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### Court fees

The court fee to get a divorce is \$669. You pay \$224 when you go to court to get your **Form 8: Application (General) issued**. This is for step 1 of the divorce process.

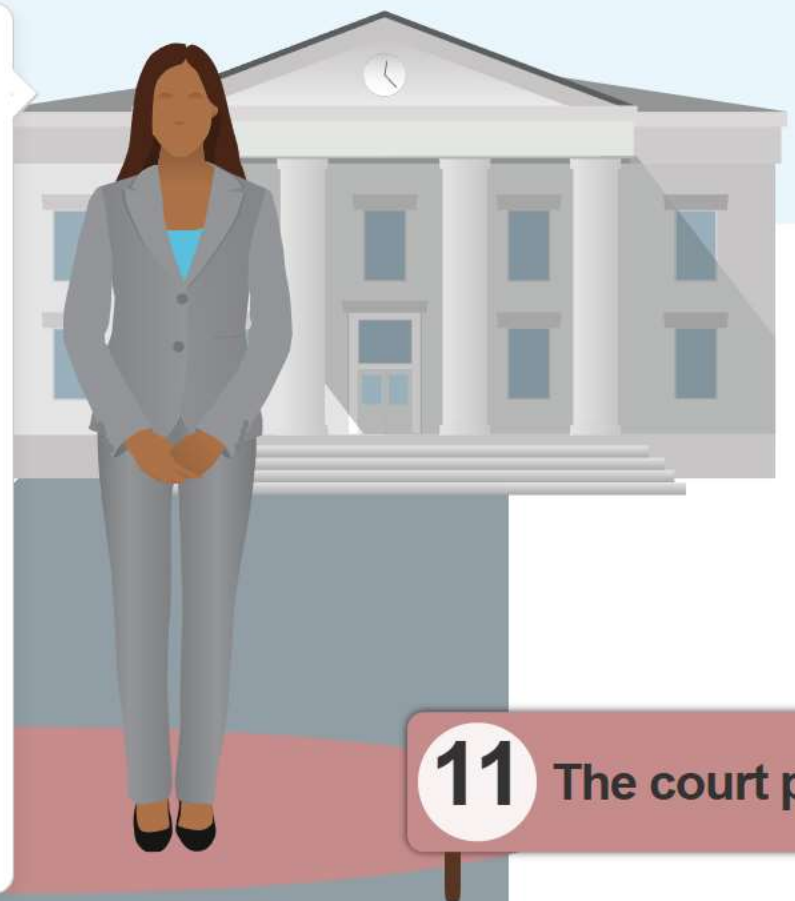
You pay the remaining \$445 during step 2 of the divorce process. This happens after your application is issued, served and 30 days have passed. You pay it when you take your **Form 36: Affidavit for Divorce**, a draft divorce order, and the rest of your documents to court to be filed.

You can pay the court fee by cash, cheque, or money order. If you're paying by cheque or money order, make it payable to the Minister of Finance.

If you can't afford to pay the court fees, you can ask the court for a fee waiver. This means you don't have to pay most court fees.

To qualify for a fee waiver, you have to **meet certain conditions**. For example, your household income and assets have to be quite low or most of your income must come from Ontario Works or Old Age Pension.

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**Fee waiver**

The court fee to start a family court case is \$669. If you can't afford to pay this fee, you can ask the court for a **fee waiver**. This means you don't have to pay most court fees.

**Would you like help applying for a fee waiver?**

- Yes
- No

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How to qualify for a fee waiver

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**Select the courthouse you will use:**  
**(Required)**  
[Toronto - 361 University Ave - SCJ] [dropdown arrow]  
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How to find the right court  
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### Next steps

You've now filled out the **Form 8: Application (General)**. The next steps in the family law process are to:

- Check your forms.
- Give your completed forms to the court.
- Get your **Form 8 issued** by the court.
- Give a copy of your completed forms to John.

Along with your completed forms, this guided pathway will also produce an instruction document that explains each of these steps. It is important that you review this document carefully.

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Select what applies to you below:

Not all of the checkboxes will apply to your situation, but you must select each one to confirm that you are aware of your duties when starting a family law court case.

I confirm that I am aware of my duties under the **Divorce Act** and **Children's Law Reform Act** to ...

- Exercise **decision-making responsibility** and **parenting time** in the **best interests of my children**, if I have any
- Protect my children, if I have any, from conflicts arising from my family law case, to the best of my ability
- Settle issues in my family law case through a **family dispute resolution process**, where appropriate
- Provide complete, accurate and up-to-date information in my family law case
- Follow **court orders** in my family law case

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Court File Number

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**Superior Court of Justice**

*(Name of court)*

at **361 University Avenue, ON, M5G1T3**

*Court office address*

**Form 8: Application  
(General)**

## Applicant(s)

Full legal name: **Jane Doe**  
Address: **123 Test Street, Toronto, Ontario A1A  
2B2**  
Phone & fax: **Phone: 111-111-1111**  
Email: **jane.doe@fakeemail.com**

## Applicant(s) Lawyer

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Phone & fax: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

## Respondent(s)

Full legal name: **John Doe**  
Address: **55 Orange Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario  
B2B 3C3**  
Phone & fax: **Phone: 222-222-2222**  
Email: **john.doe@fakeemail.com**

## Respondent(s) Lawyer

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
Phone & fax: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]

**TO THE RESPONDENT(S):**

**A COURT CASE HAS BEEN STARTED AGAINST YOU IN THIS COURT. THE DETAILS ARE SET OUT ON THE ATTACHED PAGES.**

**THE FIRST COURT DATE IS** *(date)* [REDACTED] **AT** [REDACTED]  **a.m.**  **p.m.**  
or as soon as possible after that time, at: *(address)*  
[REDACTED]

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**NOTE:** *If this is a divorce case, no date will be set unless an Answer is filed. If you have also been served with a notice of motion, there may be an earlier court date and you or your lawyer should come to court for the motion.*

- THIS CASE IS ON THE FAST TRACK OF THE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.** A case management judge will be assigned by the time this case first comes before a judge.
- THIS CASE IS ON THE STANDARD TRACK OF THE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. No court date has been set for this case** but, if you have been served with a notice of motion, it has a court date and you or your lawyer should come to court for the motion. A case management judge will not be assigned until one of the parties asks the clerk of the court to schedule a case conference or until a motion is scheduled, whichever comes first.

**IF, AFTER 365 DAYS, THE CASE HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL,** the clerk of the court will send out a warning that the case will be dismissed within 60 days unless the parties file proof that the case has been settled or one of the parties asks for a case or a settlement conference.

**IF YOU WANT TO OPPOSE ANY CLAIM IN THIS CASE,** you or your lawyer must prepare an Answer (Form 10 – a blank copy should be attached), serve a copy on the applicant(s) and file a copy in the court office with an Affidavit of Service (Form 6B). **YOU HAVE ONLY 30 DAYS AFTER THIS APPLICATION IS SERVED ON YOU (60 DAYS IF THIS APPLICATION IS SERVED ON YOU OUTSIDE CANADA OR THE UNITED STATES) TO SERVE AND FILE AN ANSWER. IF YOU DO NOT, THE CASE WILL GO AHEAD WITHOUT YOU AND THE COURT MAY MAKE AN ORDER AND ENFORCE IT AGAINST YOU.**

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Check the box of the paragraph that applies to your case

- This case includes a claim for support. It does not include a claim for property or exclusive possession of the matrimonial home and its contents. You **MUST** fill out a Financial Statement (Form 13 – a blank copy attached), serve a copy on the applicant(s) and file a copy in the court office with an Affidavit of Service even if you do not answer this case.
- This case includes a claim for property or exclusive possession of the matrimonial home and its contents. You **MUST** fill out a Financial Statement (Form 13.1 – a blank copy attached), serve a copy on the applicant(s) and file a copy in the court office with an Affidavit of Service even if you do not answer this case.

**IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A CLAIM OF YOUR OWN**, you or your lawyer must fill out the claim portion in the Answer, serve a copy on the applicant(s) and file a copy in the court office with an Affidavit of Service.

- If you want to make a claim for support but do not want to make a claim for property or exclusive possession of the matrimonial home and its contents, you **MUST** fill out a Financial Statement (Form 13), serve a copy on the applicant(s) and file a copy in the court office.
- However, if your only claim for support is for child support in the table amount specified under the Child Support Guidelines, you do not need to fill out, serve or file a Financial Statement.
- If you want to make a claim for property or exclusive possession of the matrimonial home and its contents, whether or not it includes a claim for support, you **MUST** fill out a Financial Statement (Form 13.1, not Form 13), serve a copy on the applicant(s), and file a copy in the court office.

You can file documents in person at a courthouse or online by visiting [www.Ontario.ca/familyclaims](http://www.Ontario.ca/familyclaims).

**YOU SHOULD GET LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT THIS CASE RIGHT AWAY.** If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may be able to get help from your local Legal Aid Ontario office. (See your telephone directory under LEGAL AID.)

Date of issue

Clerk of the court

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## FAMILY HISTORY

**APPLICANT:** Age: **37** Birthdate: (d, m, y) **17/02/1989**  
Resident in (municipality & province) **Toronto, Ontario** since (date) **\_\_\_\_\_**  
First name on the day before the marriage date: **Jane**  
Last name on the day before the marriage date: **Doe**  
Gender on the day before the marriage date:  
 Male  Female  Another gender  
Divorced before?  No  Yes (Place and date of previous divorce)  
**\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESPONDENT:** Age: **38** Birthdate: (d, m, y) **18/02/1988**  
Resident in (municipality & province) **Hamilton, Ontario** since (date) **\_\_\_\_\_**  
First name on the day before the marriage date: **John**  
Last name on the day before the marriage date: **Doe**  
Gender on the day before the marriage date:  
 Male  Female  Another gender  Gender information not available  
Divorced before?  No  Yes (Place and date of previous divorce)  
**\_\_\_\_\_**

## RELATIONSHIP DATES:

Married on (date) **18/07/2015**  Started living together on (date) **01/03/2016**  
 Separated on (date) **16/01/2025**  Never lived together  Still living together

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## THE CHILD(REN)

List all children involved in this case, even if no claim is made for these children.

Full legal name	Age	Birthdate (d, m, y)	Resident in (municipality & province)	Now Living With (name of person and relationship to child)
<b>Timothy James Doe</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15/02/2019</b>	<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	<b>Jane Doe, Mother</b>
<b>Jennifer Marie Doe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>04/02/2024</b>	<b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	<b>Jane Doe, Mother</b>

## PREVIOUS CASES OR AGREEMENTS

Have the parties or the children been in a court case before?

No  Yes

Have the parties made a written agreement dealing with any matter involved in this case?

No  Yes (Give date of agreement. Indicate which of its terms are in dispute.)

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Has a Notice of Calculation and/or a Notice of Recalculation been issued by the online Child Support Service in this case?

No  Yes *(Give date(s) of Notice(s) of Calculation or Recalculation.)*

██████████

If yes, are you asking the court to make an order for child support that is different from the amount set out in the Notice?

No  Yes *(Provide an explanation.)*

██████████

Have the parties arbitrated or agreed to arbitrate any matter involved in this case?

No  Yes *(Give date of agreement and family arbitration award, if any.)*

██████████

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## CLAIM BY APPLICANT

### I ASK THE COURT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

*(Claims below include claims for temporary orders.)*

<b>Claims under the <i>Divorce Act</i></b> <i>(Check boxes in this column only if you are asking for a divorce and your case is in the Superior Court of Justice or Family Court of the Superior Court of Justice.)</i>	<b>Claims under the <i>Family Law Act</i> or <i>Children's Law Reform Act</i></b>	<b>Claims relating to property</b> <i>(Check boxes in this column only if your case is in the Superior Court of Justice or Family Court of the Superior Court of Justice.)</i>
00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a divorce 01 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> support for me 02 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> support for child(ren) – table amount 03 <input type="checkbox"/> support for child(ren) – other than table amount 04 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> decision-making responsibility for child(ren) 05 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parenting time with child(ren) 06 <input type="checkbox"/> contact with child(ren) <i>(this requires court leave)</i>	10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> support for me 11 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> support for child(ren) – table amount 12 <input type="checkbox"/> support for child(ren) – other than table amount 13 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> decision-making responsibility for child(ren) 14 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parenting time with child(ren) 15 <input type="checkbox"/> restraining/non-harassment order 16 <input type="checkbox"/> indexing spousal support 17 <input type="checkbox"/> declaration of parentage 18 <input type="checkbox"/> guardianship over child's property <i>(claim must be served on the Children's Lawyer and the child must currently have property)</i> 19 <input type="checkbox"/> contact with child(ren) <i>(this does not require court leave)</i> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> wrongful removal to or retention of child(ren) in Ontario involving a country outside Canada under the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction 21 <input type="checkbox"/> wrongful removal to or retention	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> equalization of net family properties 23 <input type="checkbox"/> exclusive possession of matrimonial home 24 <input type="checkbox"/> exclusive possession of contents of matrimonial home 25 <input type="checkbox"/> freezing assets 26 <input type="checkbox"/> sale of family property

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child(ren) in Ontario involving a country outside Canada under the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

21  wrongful removal to or retention of child(ren) in Ontario involving a country outside Canada **NOT** under the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

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**Other claims**

- 30  Costs
- 31  annulment of marriage
- 32  prejudgment interest
- 33  claims relating to a family arbitration

50  Other (Specify.)

[Redacted]

Give details of the order that you want the court to make. (Include any amounts of support (if known) and the names of the children for whom you are claiming decision-making responsibility, parenting time, or contact in this case.)

**See Schedule A**

# Sample: Completed Form 8



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## IMPORTANT FACTS SUPPORTING MY CLAIM FOR DIVORCE

- Separation:** The spouses have lived separate and apart since (date) 16/01/2025 and
- have not lived together again since that date in an unsuccessful attempt to reconcile.
  - have lived together again during the following period(s) in an unsuccessful attempt to reconcile: *(Give dates.)*  
[Redacted]
- Adultery:** The respondent has committed adultery. *(Give details. It is not necessary to name any other person involved but, if you do name the other person, then you must serve this application on the other person.)*  
[Redacted]
- Cruelty:** The respondent has treated the applicant with physical or mental cruelty of such a kind as to make continued cohabitation intolerable. *(Give details.)*  
[Redacted]

## IMPORTANT FACTS SUPPORTING MY OTHER CLAIM(S)

*(Set out below the facts that form the legal basis for your other claim(s). Attach an additional page if you need more space.)*

See Schedule A

# Sample: Completed Form 8: Schedule A



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Give details of the order that you want the court to make. (Include any amounts of support (if known) and the names of the children for who support, decision-making responsibility, or parenting time is claimed.)

1. An order for a divorce.

### **PARENTING ORDERS**

1. An Order that Applicant and Respondent share joint decision-making responsibility for Timothy James Doe born February 15, 2019, Jennifer Marie Doe born February 04, 2024.

2. An Order for parenting time with Timothy James Doe born February 15, 2019, Jennifer Marie Doe born February 04, 2024 in accordance with the following schedule: Timothy and Jennifer will spend Sunday - Thursday with me. They will spend Friday - Monday with John.

### **SUPPORT**

3. An Order that Respondent shall pay child support to Applicant on behalf of Timothy James Doe born February 15, 2019, Jennifer Marie Doe born February 04, 2024 in the amount of \$1139 per month commencing March 08, 2026 and based on the Respondent's annual income of \$75000 and the Child Support Guideline amount for 2 children with credit for amounts paid to date.

4. An Order that the parties shall share current and future special and extraordinary expenses for the children in proportion to their respective incomes. For the year 2026. Respondent's income is \$75000 and Applicant's income is \$45000

The special and extraordinary expenses include:

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The special and extraordinary expenses include:  
I pay \$3,500 a month for a daycare program for the children.

5. An order for spousal support by way of periodic payment in the monthly amount of \$500 from and after March 08, 2026.

## **OTHER**

6. An Order for equalization of the parties' net family property.

7. Such other and further relief that this ~~Honourable~~ Court deems just.

### **IMPORTANT FACTS SUPPORTING MY OTHER CLAIM(S)**

(Set out below the facts that form the legal basis for your other claim(s).)

## **BACKGROUND**

8. The parties were married on July 18, 2015.

9. The parties have 2 children of the relationship, namely: Timothy James Doe born February 15, 2019, Jennifer Marie Doe born February 04, 2024.

10. The parties began cohabitating on March 01, 2016.

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11. The parties separated on January 16, 2025.

12. The Applicant has an annual income of \$45000 and the Respondent has an annual income of \$75000.

### **PARENTING ORDERS – BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN**

13. Timothy James Doe has the following unique needs or circumstances: aaa, which have the following impact on parenting orders:

#### **Nature and strength of the children's relationships:**

14. Prior to separation, the relationship between the children and the Applicant was as follows: My relationship with the children was very close. I put them to bed every night and would take them to playdates and doctor appointments. The children enjoyed reading with me and walking to the parks on the weekend.

15. Prior to separation, the relationship between the children and the Respondent was as follows: The children had a good relationship with John. He would help with putting them to bed and take them to playdates and to important medical appointments. He also helped prepare their meals.

#### **Supporting the children's relationships:**

16. The Applicant has supported the Respondent's relationship with the children in the following ways: We've made cards and gifts for John's birthday and Father's Day. I've always made sure the children are packed and ready for their visits with John.

17. The Applicant will support the Respondent's relationship with the children in the following ways: I'll keep encouraging regular contact and make sure the children talk to John. I'll continue to include John in important updates about Timothy's health when he cannot attend doctor appointments.

# Sample: Completed Form 8: Schedule A

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## History of care:

19. Aspects of parenting generally handled by the Applicant: I took care of most of the parenting duties, including preparing meals, helping the children with their hygiene, and scheduling and attending medical and dental appointments and playdates.

20. Aspects of parenting generally handled by the Respondent: John assisted with all the bedtime duties and taking the children to their extracurricular activities on the weekends. He would help with preparing meals and attended medical and dental appointments when he could.

21. There have been changes in how important decisions about education, medical care, and extracurricular activities are made: Before we separated I handled all of the daycare drop-offs and most of the meal preparation during the day, eating dinner with the children everyday. Now I only daycare drop-offs four times a week and no longer get to eat dinner with the children every day. I also attend less weekend activities with the children.

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## Plan of care:

22. The plan for the children's care is as follows: The plan for the children's care will be as outlined in the parenting orders for decision-making responsibility and parenting time.

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34. The breakdown of the relationship has impacted the Applicant financially in the following ways: I do not have the same financial stability and struggle to pay all of the bills. I have had to take a parttime job to help pay my bills.

35. Applicant has been meeting their financial needs since separation in the following manner: I got a parttime job. I also took a loan from my parents.

36. Applicant is not currently able to meet their financial needs and will not be able to meet their financial needs in the future for the following reasons: I don't make enough money. I haven't worked in a while so have to start my job search anew. I also cannot work fulltime as the children live with me.

37. Before the children were old enough to start school they were watched during the day by Applicant

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38. The children were cared for by a paid caregiver. Costs were paid by Respondent.

39. Before separation the children's schedule was managed by Applicant, usually

40. Before separation Applicant usually took time off work when the children were sick.

41. Before separation Applicant usually took the children to doctor's appointments and after school activities.

42. Before separation, cooking was done by Applicant, primarily.

43. Before separation, household chores were done by Applicant, primarily.

# Sample: Completed Form 8: Schedule A

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44. Before separation, grocery shopping was done by Applicant, primarily.

45. Before separation, Respondent made sure the bills were paid.

46. The work Applicant did at home helped Respondent advance in their career in the following way: took care of the household and children so he could work late and get a promotion.

**OTHER**

47. Asking for equalization in accordance with the Family Law Act.

# Your interview is now complete.

Interview Details			
<b>Interview Title</b>	Guided pathway for divorce, separation, decision-making responsibility, and parenting time (Form 8)	<b>Date Created</b>	Feb 26, 2026 03:20 PM
<b>Answer Set Number</b>	ITV-148761	<b>Interview ID (Version)</b>	INT-001113(14302)






## Downloads

You've now finished the guided pathway for separation. The court forms you completed are listed below. Download and save all of your court forms and the instructions document that's at the top of the list. Then, read over the instructions document. It explains how to get your forms ready to file with the court. It also explains who can file them online and who must take them to a courthouse. You can add and correct the information on your forms once you've downloaded them.


### Documents


File #	Downloads	Select
1	Family law checklist This list shows all the documents you need for your family law case.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Family court case instructions This document outlines the next steps in the family court process.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Application Form 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Form 8 – Schedule A Include this page with your Form 8.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Form 6B - Affidavit of Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Form 6 - Acknowledgment of Service	<input type="checkbox"/>



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<a href="#">Start</a>	Guided pathway for completing financial statement forms for property division (Form 13.1)	Feb 26, 2026 03:20 PM	Pending
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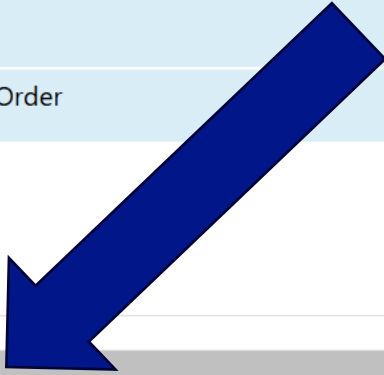


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# Steps to Justice: Additional family law information

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- Child protection
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- Going to family court
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## Family Law

**Try these tools**

- Use our Guided Pathways [to fill out family law court forms.](#)
- Watch our videos on family law issues [and family law motions \[.\]\(#\)](#)
- Create a safety plan [to keep you and your children safe.](#)

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### Birth and adoption

- How do I reclaim my traditional Indigenous name?
- Can I have contact with my child if CAS puts them for public adoption?
- What does it mean to place a child for adoption?

[See all \(10\)](#)

### Marriage and common-law relationships

- I lost my marriage certificate. How do I get another one?
- How do we get married in Ontario?
- How do we get married outside of Ontario?

[See all \(6\)](#)

### Separation and divorce

- How do I get my divorce certificate?
- What legal issues should I think about when I separate or divorce?
- Can we resolve our family law issues without going to court?

[See all \(17\)](#)

### Decision-making and time with children

- What is decision-making responsibility and who gets it?
- What is parenting time and who gets it?
- Who will my child live with?

### Child support

- What is child support?
- Who pays child support?
- How much child support must be paid?

### Spousal support

- What is spousal support?
- How much spousal support must be paid?
- Can I get spousal support?

## Find help

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## Guided Pathways

**Family Law Guided Pathways**  
Fill out family law court forms.

## Related resources

[See all \(119\)](#)

- [Create a parenting plan](#)  
Department of Justice Canada
- [Family Court Illustrations](#)  
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See what a family courtroom looks like
- [Family Law Forms](#)  
Ontario Court Services
- [Steps in a Family Law Case](#)  
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Learn about the steps in a family law case
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# Randomized Control Trial

# Study participants can get 2 hours of legal help



## Want free legal help to complete your Form 8?

You may qualify to join a special research study.

If you finish the study and follow the study's **participation agreement**, **CLEO** will pay for **up to 2 hours of help from a family law lawyer** to complete your **Family Law Rules Form 8: Application (General)**

The study looks at how effective CLEO's Guided Pathways are at helping people fill out court forms. The study will help CLEO make the pathways better.

If you select **Yes**:

- you'll be asked a series of short questions
- this Guided Pathway will end
- CLEO will contact you within **2** business days

If you select **No**, you can keep using the Guided Pathway, but you won't be able to join the study later.

**Do you want to learn more about how to apply and receive 2 hours of free lawyer help to complete your form?**

- Yes, I want to learn more
- No, I want to keep using the Guided Pathway

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# Community and legal resources

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[Visit Pro Bono Ontario](#) or call 1-855-255-7256

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