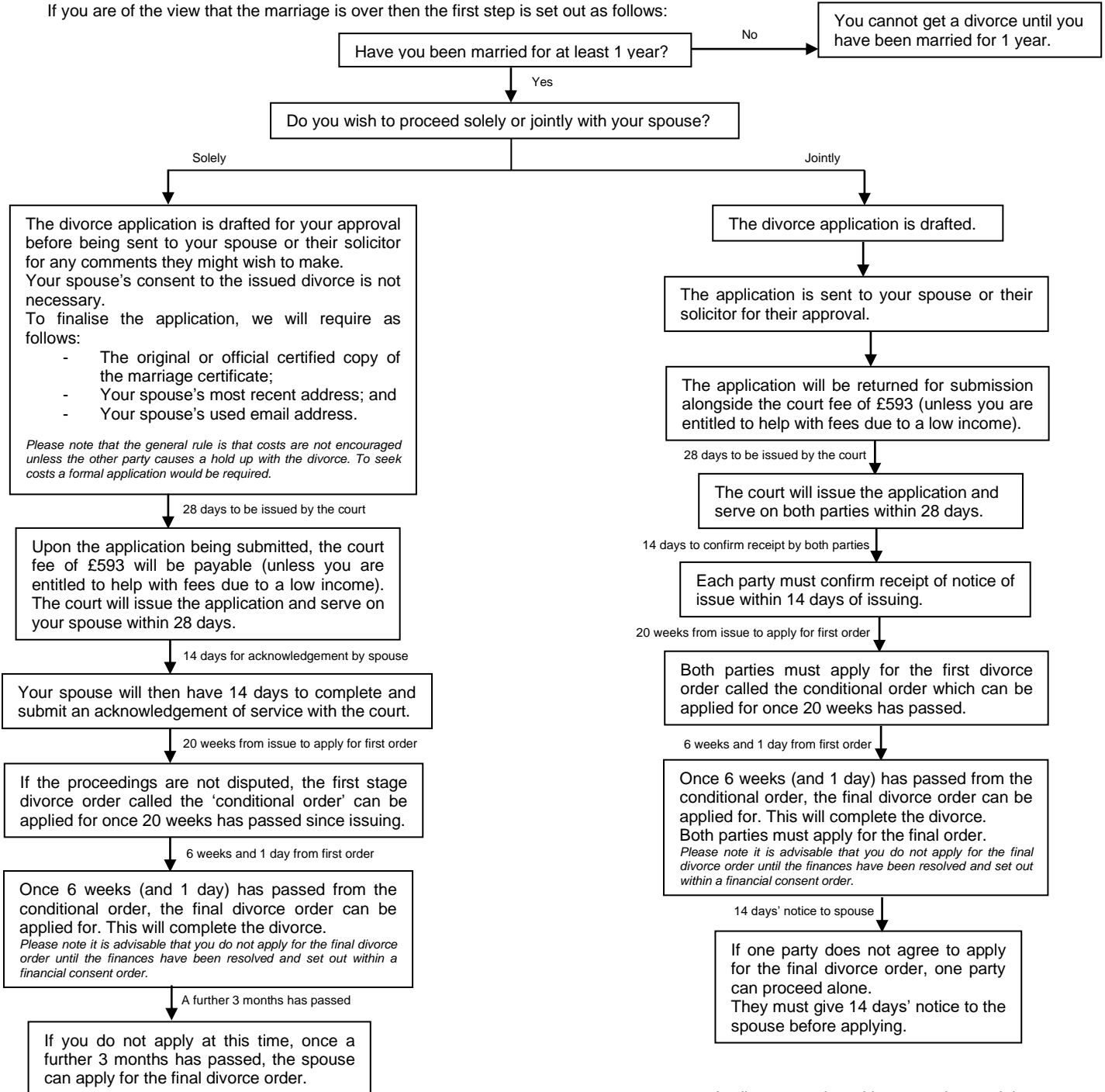


## Divorce Flowchart

The only ground for a divorce is that the marriage has broken down irretrievably and either yourself, or your spouse, is habitually resident or domiciled in England and Wales.

If you are of the view that the marriage is over then the first step is set out as follows:



*If your spouse in a sole application were to dispute the proceedings, they will have 35 days from the date of service to file an answer. An application can only be disputed on very limited grounds such as, for example, due to jurisdictional issues.*

A divorce under either a sole, or joint application will take no less than 6 months to conclude. This can take longer if the final divorce order is delayed until the financial matters have been concluded and drawn up into a financial consent order.

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