

Joint Petition for Divorce Under G.L. c 208, Section 1A form instructions  
SEE G.L. c.208 (more specifically G.L. c.208, Section 1A)

The following must be filed with this petition:

Certified copy of civil marriage certificate.

R-408-Certificate of Absolute Divorce or Annulment Statistical Information  
must be filed with this complaint. (SEE G.L. c.208, Section 6B)

Affidavit of Care and Custody if parties have child(ren) together.

(form available at the courthouse)

Notarized Separation Agreement.

Affidavit of Irretrievable Breakdown.

SEE Uniform Fee Schedule for applicable filing fees.

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Financial Statements

SEE Uniform Probate Court Practice XXX  
and Supplemental Probate Court Rule 401

Short form or Long form

Child Support Guidelines Worksheet if support for child(ren) is requested.

All parties to a divorce action in which there is/are minor child(ren) are required to attend and participate in an approved Parent Education Program unless requirement waived by the court.

SEE Probate and Family Court Standing Order 1-03.

An automatic restraining order applies to both parties in a complaint for divorce. It prohibits either party from engaging in any action which changes the present financial status of the parties.

SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

