



## ACCESS CENTER DISSO A-Z

### SUMMARY DISSOLUTION

#### **Q: What is a summary dissolution?**

**A:** A summary dissolution is a simpler way to get divorced for married couples and/or registered domestic partners. You must meet certain requirements to file a joint summary dissolution.

#### **Q: What are the requirements for filing a summary dissolution?**

**A:** Couples who agree to a divorce can file a summary dissolution if they meet ALL the following requirements:

- Have been married for less than 5 years (from the date you got married to the date you separated);
- Have no children together (born or adopted) and you are not expecting a new child now;
- Do not own any part of land or buildings;
- Do not owe more than \$6,000 for debts acquired since the date you got married (excluding car loans);
- Have less than \$45,000 worth of property acquired during the marriage. (excluding cars);
- Do not have separate property worth more than \$45,000 (excluding cars);
- Agree that neither spouse will ever get spousal support; AND
- Have signed an agreement that divides your property (including your cars) and debts.

#### **Q: We meet all the requirements for a summary dissolution. How do I file?**

**A:** Visit <https://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm> to get the forms you will need.

1. Both parties must first read through FL-810, Summary Dissolution Information Booklet;
2. Complete worksheets on pages 7, 9, and 11 in the booklet;
3. Complete form FL-150, Income and Expense Declaration.
4. Exchange with each other the worksheets, form FL-150, and your tax returns for the last two years;
5. Complete form FL-800, Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution and form FL-825, Judgment of Dissolution and Notice of Entry of Judgment;
6. Make 2 additional copies of both forms;
7. Turn in your original and 2 copies of both forms along with a self-addressed stamped envelope for each party to Room 402 at the court;
8. Pay the \$450 filing fee or apply for a fee waiver (both parties must qualify for a fee waiver in order for the fee to be waived);

9. You will receive your judgment paperwork in the mail after six months.

**Q: What if I want to cancel or stop a summary dissolution?**

**A:** You cannot cancel or stop the divorce once a judgment is entered. However, if you decide to cancel or stop the divorce before you get a judgment, you must do the following:

- Complete and file form FL-830 Notice of Revocation of Petition for Summary Dissolution in Room 402;
- You must send a copy of form FL-830 to the other party by mail to his or her last known address.

You do not need the other party's signature to revoke your summary dissolution. If the effective date of the judgment has not yet occurred, the clerk will notify you that the notice of revocation has been filed by completing the certificate on the form. Once the clerk completes the certificate, your summary dissolution case has ended. You are still married and/or domestic partners. You will have to file a new case if you want to proceed with a divorce.