

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES RULES 2023

Form 7

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE

If you intend to instruct an attorney to act for you, give him this form immediately.

[Heading as in Form 6]

1 Have you received the originating application [or summons] [and copy of the supporting affidavit] [or the application for [divorce] [or as the case may be]] delivered with this form?

2 On what date and at what address did you receive it?

3 Are you the person named as the Respondent in the application [or as the application][or as the case may be]? in

4 Do you intend to defend the case?

5 Do you consent to a final order being granted? *[Delete if inapplicable.]*

6 Do you intend to oppose the grant of an order on the ground that the divorce order will result in grave financial or other hardship to you and that in all the circumstances it would be wrong to dissolve the marriage? *[Delete if inapplicable.]*

7 In the event of a conditional divorce order being granted do you intend to apply to the Court for it to consider your financial position as it will be after the divorce order? *[Delete if inapplicable.]*

8 Even if you do not intend to defend the case do you wish to be heard on the claim[s] in the application for *[insert whichever of the following is applicable]*—

- (a) costs
- (b) custody of the children
- (c) maintenance pending suit
- (d) periodical payments
- (e) secured periodical payments
- (f) lump sum provision
- (g) settlement or transfer of property
- (h) variation of a settlement

[Delete question 8 except in the case of an application for a divorce order.]

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- 9 Do you wish to make any application on your own account for—
- (a) access to the children
 - (b) custody of the children
 - (c) periodical payments or secured periodical payments for the children
 - (d) maintenance pending suit
 - (e) periodical payments or secured periodical payments for yourself
 - (f) lump sum provision
 - (g) settlement or transfer of property
 - (h) variation of a settlement

[Delete question 9 (except in the case of a respondent in proceedings begun by application for divorce.)]

(If possible answer YES or NO against each item in Question[s] 8 [and 9]. If you are uncertain leave a blank).

Dated this [blank] day of [blank] 20 [blank]

[If an attorney is instructed, he will sign below on your behalf [but if the answer to Question 5 is Yes, you must also sign here]]

Signed

Physical Address for service and a valid email address to be used for service [Unless you intend to instruct an attorney, give your place of residence, or if you do not reside in Bermuda, the address of a place in Bermuda to which documents may be sent to you. If you subsequently wish to change your address for service, you must notify the Registry of the Supreme Court].

[I am [We are] acting for the Respondent [or the above-named] in this matter.

Signed

Address for service:]
