

Rule 17.200—Form 201: *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children*

In the Iowa District Court for _____ County
County where you are filing this Petition

In Re the Marriage of:

<hr/> <i>Your current legal name</i>		<hr/> <i>Your spouse's current legal name</i>	
Upon the Petition of		<hr/> <i>For clerk's use only</i>	
Petitioner <i>Full name: first, middle, last</i> <i>The spouse who files the Petition</i> and concerning		Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children	
Respondent <i>Full name: first, middle, last</i> <i>The other spouse</i>			

1. Personal Information *Fill in all information that you know. If you have been assaulted by your spouse and you fear for your safety, you may leave your street address, phone number, and email blank.*

A. Petitioner's (your) birth year and present residence: _____
Birth year

_____ <i>Petitioner's present street address</i>	_____ <i>City</i>	_____ <i>State</i>	_____ <i>ZIP code</i>
_____ <i>County</i>	(_____) _____ <i>Phone number</i>	_____ <i>Email address</i>	

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If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, contact the disability coordinator at: (_____)_____. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). **Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.** Disability coordinator contact information available at: http://www.iowacourts.gov/Administration/Directories/ADA_Access/.

B. Respondent's (your spouse's) birth year and present residence: _____
Birth year

Respondent's present street address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

County *()* _____
Phone number *Email address*

C. Other person, if any, who has visitation or custody rights of the parties' children:
Fill in as much information as you know.

Full name: first, middle, last

Present street address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

County *()* _____
Phone number *Email address*

2. General Information About the Marriage and the Parties

A. Date and location of the marriage

_____, _____, _____
Month *Day* *Year* _____
City *State*

B. Children

Check all that are true

- (1) There are children under age 18 who are children of both Petitioner and Respondent.
- (2) There are children under age 18 who were adopted or born during this marriage.
This includes any child born to a spouse during the marriage, but for whom the other spouse is not a parent.
- (3) There are children 18 years or older who still need support.
- (4) Petitioner or Respondent is pregnant.

C. Identification of children

First, middle, & last initials of each child	Birth year	First, middle, & last initials of each child	Birth year
(1)		(4)	
(2)		(5)	
(3)		(6)	

Check this box if you have attached a separate sheet listing additional children.

D. Children's living arrangements

Places where the children have lived during the last five years and the parent(s) or adult(s) who acted as parent(s): *Fill in as much information as you know.*

(1) Children: _____
Initials *Initials* *Initials* *Initials* *Initials*

Lived with _____ from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Adult name mm dd yyyy mm dd yyyy

At _____
City State

(2) Children: _____
Initials Initials Initials Initials Initials

Lived with _____ from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Adult name mm dd yyyy mm dd yyyy

At _____
City State

(3) Children: _____
Initials Initials Initials Initials Initials

Lived with _____ from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Adult name mm dd yyyy mm dd yyyy

At _____
City State

(4) Children: _____
Initials Initials Initials Initials Initials

Lived with _____ from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Adult name mm dd yyyy mm dd yyyy

At _____
City State

(5) Children: _____
Initials Initials Initials Initials Initials

Lived with _____ from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
Adult name mm dd yyyy mm dd yyyy

At _____
City State

Check this box if you have attached a separate sheet listing additional children.
 If the children have been in Iowa for less than six months, you may be able to get a divorce, but you might not be able to get custody. The rules are complicated and you may need to talk to an attorney.

E. Petitioner's residence

You cannot get a divorce in Iowa if your spouse does not live in Iowa and you have lived in Iowa for less than one year, or if you came to live in Iowa just to get a divorce. If you do not live in Iowa, you can only get a divorce in Iowa if your spouse lives in Iowa.

If you have questions about this, talk to an attorney.

(1) The **only** reason that Petitioner (you are Petitioner) is living in Iowa is just to get a divorce.

- True
- False *If you do not live in Iowa, or if you live in Iowa for reasons other than just to get a divorce, check "False."*

(2) Petitioner has lived in Iowa for the last _____ years and _____ months
in _____ county.

- *If you have always lived in Iowa, count the time since your birth.*
- *If you have been a resident of another state, count the time since you last moved to Iowa.*

F. Parties' residence

If your spouse does not live in Iowa, you must have lived in Iowa for the last year before you may obtain a divorce in Iowa.

Check each that is true

- (1) Petitioner has lived in Iowa for more than one year.
(2) Respondent (your spouse) is a resident of Iowa.

G. Condition of the marriage

Check all that are true

- (1) The marriage is broken and cannot be saved.
(2) This is the only divorce case going on involving this marriage.
*If you **did not** check (2), explain in 4. You should also talk to an attorney.*
(3) This Petition is being filed in good faith for the purpose of ending the marriage.
(4) Counseling will not save the marriage. *If counseling may save the marriage, do not check(4).*

H. Respondent's status

Check each that is true

- (1) Respondent (your spouse) is in the military service.
If you check (1), there are special rules that may prevent your case from going forward if your spouse is in the military. You should talk to an attorney.
(2) Respondent is in prison or jail at _____ in _____.
Name of facility State

I. Protective or no contact order

Check one

- (1) There is neither a "protective order" nor a "no contact order" between Petitioner (you) and Respondent (your spouse).
(2) There is a "protective order" or a "no contact order" between Petitioner and Respondent.
If you check (2), fill in the following information:
a. County and state where the order came from: _____
County State
b. Court case number: _____

3. Other Cases About the Children

Check A or B

- A. There are no other cases about the children. *If you check A, skip to 4.*
B. There are other cases about the children.

If there is an order from out of state about the children, an Iowa court may not be able to issue an order about custody or visitation. The rules are complicated and you may need to talk to an attorney.

If you check B, fill in the applicable information below.

(1) Juvenile court

Check a or b.

- a. There is no juvenile court case.
b. There is a juvenile court case.

If you check b, fill in the following information:

- i. County and state of the juvenile court case: _____
County State
- ii. Juvenile court case number: _____

Check one

- (a) Concurrent jurisdiction has been granted.
(b) Concurrent jurisdiction has not been granted.

If the juvenile court has not given concurrent jurisdiction (permission), then child custody cannot be decided in this case. You should talk to an attorney.

(2) Custody order

You might not be able to get custody in Iowa if there is a custody order entered in another state.

Check a or b.

- a. There is no custody order.
b. There is a custody order.

If you check b, fill in the following information:

- i. County and state where the custody order came from: _____
County State
- ii. Court case number: _____

(3) Child support order

Check a or b.

- a. There is no child support order.
b. There is a child support order.

If you check b, fill in the following information:

- i. County and state where the child support order came from: _____
County State
- ii. Court case number: _____

4. Other Information *All of the basic information you need to tell the court is listed on this form. Provide other information only if you need to explain something.*

5. Petitioner's Request

A. Petitioner asks the court to:

Check all that apply. The court will only consider items that are checked.

- (1) End the marriage of Petitioner (you) and Respondent (your spouse).

- (2) Decide custody and visitation.
- (3) Order child support and medical support.
- (4) Order payment of school or college tuition.
- (5) Fairly divide the property and the debts of the parties.
- (6) Order that Respondent pay the court fees.
- (7) Order that Respondent pay for Petitioner's attorney's fees before the divorce is final.
If you check (7), you must file form 222.
- (8) Order that Respondent pay spousal support (alimony) to Petitioner.
If you check (8), you must file form 222.
- (9) Change Petitioner's last name to: _____ *Name can only be changed to name on birth certificate or name used immediately prior to the marriage.*
Print your former or birth name
- (10) Order counseling to save the marriage.
- (11) Other request: _____

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6. Attorney Help

Check one

- A. An attorney did not help me prepare or fill in this paper.
B. An attorney helped me prepare or fill in this paper.

If you check B, you must fill in the following information:

Name of attorney or organization, if any *Attorney's P.I.N. # – Ask the attorney*

Business address of attorney or organization *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ (_____) _____
Attorney's phone number *Attorney's fax number – optional* *Attorney's email address – optional*

7. Service Instructions

If Petitioner is filing in paper,

Check one

- A. Petitioner will accept service of documents at the attorney's address listed above; or
B. Petitioner will accept service of documents in this case at the mailing address below.

8. Oath and Signature

I, _____, have read this Petition, and I certify under penalty
Print your name

of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided in this Petition is true and correct.

_____, 20_____
Signed on: Month Day Year *Your signature**

Mailing address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____
Phone number *Email address* *Additional email address, if applicable*

** Whether filing electronically or in paper, you must handwrite your signature on this form. If you are filing electronically, scan the form after signing it and then file electronically.*

Important Notice to Petitioner
See next page for instructions for filing a Petition.