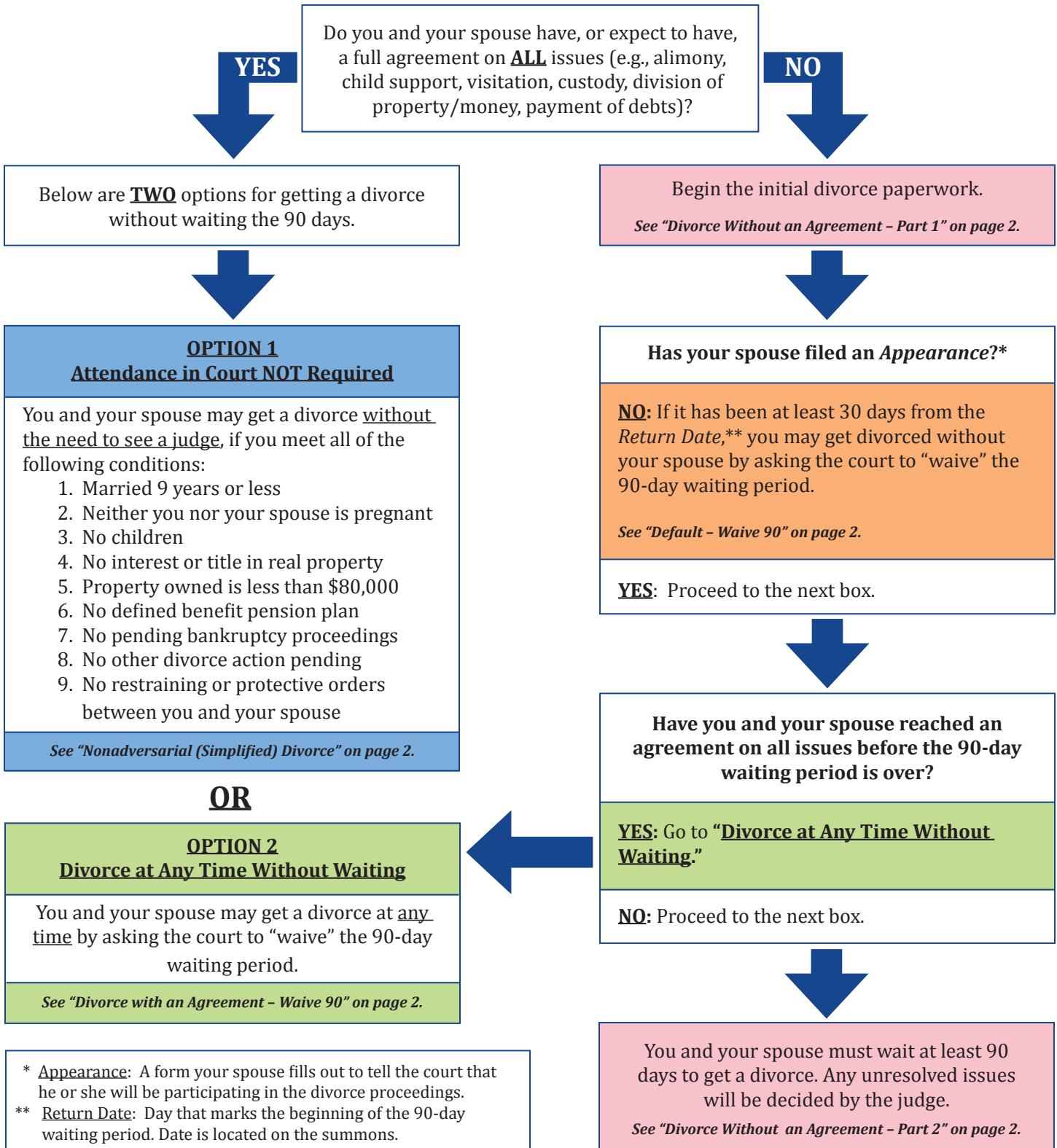


Divorce Options in Connecticut

In Connecticut, all parties must ordinarily wait at least 90 days to get a divorce. However, other options may take less time. Match the color from the chart below to the same color on page 2 for the options that apply to your case.



* **Appearance:** A form your spouse fills out to tell the court that he or she will be participating in the divorce proceedings.
** **Return Date:** Day that marks the beginning of the 90-day waiting period. Date is located on the summons.

“Nonadversarial (Simplified) Divorce”

Complete and file the following forms with the court:

- Joint Petition - Nonadversarial Divorce (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-242)
- Financial Affidavits (JD-FM-6) for each spouse
- Notice of Automatic Court Orders – Nonadversarial Divorce (JD-FM-260)
- Appearance (JD-CL-12) for each spouse
- If either spouse has ever received public assistance: Certification of Notice in Family Cases (Public Assistance) (JD-FM-175)
- If dividing property, money, or debt: Agreement – Nonadversarial Divorce (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-243)

Divorce may be granted in approximately 35 days without the need to see a judge.

“Divorce with an Agreement – Waive 90”

Complete and file Motion to Waive Statutory Time Period by Agreement of the Parties – Divorce or Legal Separation (JD-FM-247) with the court. If you have not already done so, also complete and file the following with the court:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summons Family Actions (JD-FM-3)• Divorce Complaint (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-159)• Notice of Automatic Court Orders (JD-FM-158)• Financial Affidavits (JD-FM-6) for each spouse• Dissolution Agreement (JD-FM-172)• Certification of Waiver of Service of Process – Divorce, Legal Separation, Annulment (JD-FM-249)• Appearance (JD-CL-12)• If either spouse has ever received public assistance: Certification of Notice in Family Cases (Public Assistance) (JD-FM-175) | <p>If minor children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worksheet for the Connecticut Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines (CCSG-1)• Advisement of Rights Re: Income Withholding (JD-FM-71)• Affidavit Concerning Children (JD-FM-164)• Parenting Education Program – Order, Certificate and Results (JD-FM-149) for each spouse |
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You and your spouse will be provided a court date. Both you and your spouse must see a judge on that date.

“Default – Waive 90”

Complete and file the following forms with the court:

- Motion to Waive Statutory Time Period Upon Defendant’s Failure to Appear and Affidavit – Divorce or Legal Separation (JD-FM-272)

- Financial Affidavit (JD-FM-6)
- Affidavit Concerning Military Service (JD-FM-178)

If papers were delivered (“served”) to the other spouse and certain conditions are met, the court may waive the 90-day waiting period and grant the divorce without having to see a judge. If the conditions are not met, a court date will be provided and you will be required to see a judge.

“Divorce Without an Agreement – Part 1”

Step 1: Begin the process by completing the following forms and bring to the clerk’s office:

- Summons Family Actions (JD-FM-3)
- Divorce Complaint (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-159)
- Notice of Automatic Court Orders (JD-FM-158)
- If you need temporary orders: Motion for Orders Before Judgment (Pendente Lite) in Family Cases (JD-FM-176)
- If either spouse has ever received public assistance: Certification of Notice in Family Cases (Public Assistance) (JD-FM-175)

Step 2: Deliver (“serve”) the completed forms, along with a blank Appearance (JD-CL-12) to the other spouse

NOTE: Your spouse can agree to waive service by completing and filing a Certification of Waiver of Service of Process – Divorce, Legal Separation, Annulment (JD-FM-249) and an Appearance (JD-CL-12)

Step 3: After paperwork has been delivered (“served”) to the other spouse, return the original paperwork with proof of delivery to the clerk’s office

“Divorce Without an Agreement – Part 2”

If other spouse files an appearance and there is still no agreement, you and your spouse must wait the required 90 days for the Case Management Date. A conference is scheduled this day to determine how your case will proceed. File the following forms with the court on or before the Case Management Date:

- Case Management Agreement/Order (JD-FM-163)
- Financial Affidavits (JD-FM-6)
- Parenting Plan (if custody of minor children in dispute)

You and your spouse may be required to see a judge on the Case Management Date depending on the issues.

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