

Your questions answered

THE DIVORCE PROCESS

This Stowe guide explains the administrative process you take to dissolve a marriage in the eyes of the law. It is important you seek additional legal advice to make arrangements for any children and to resolve any financial issues.



Issue Petition

This is a legal document which sets out the details of the parties, their marriage and the reason the applicant believes it has irretrievably broken down. Filing this document with the courts currently costs £593.

Court Sends Petition

The court will inform you when they have received your petition. If everything is in order, they will send a copy of the petition to your spouse. They are referred to as the 'respondent' in divorce cases.



Respondent

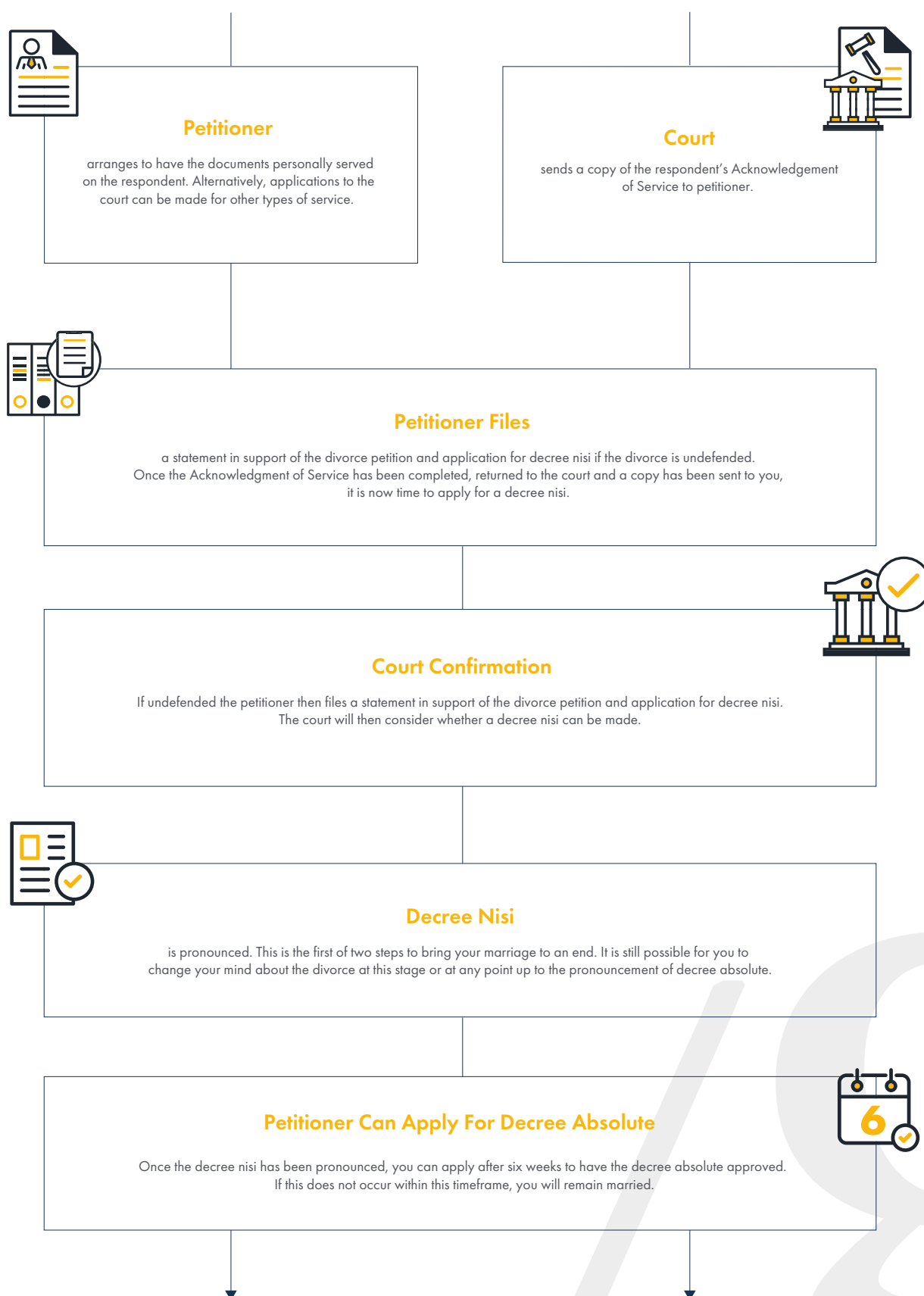
fails to file an Acknowledgement of Service.

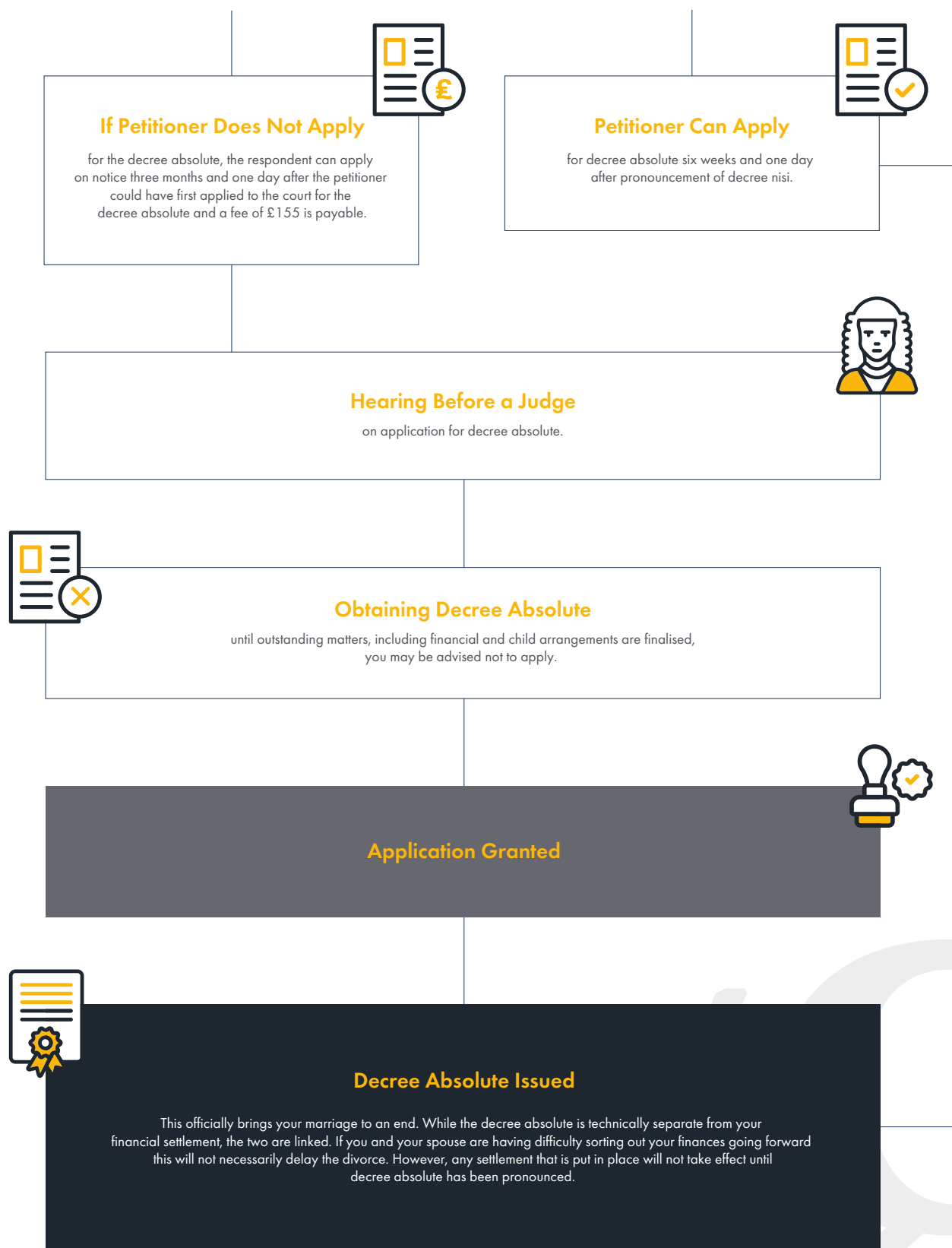


Respondent

The respondent has seven days to acknowledge the receipt of the divorce petition. To do this, they must complete a straightforward form called an 'Acknowledgment of Service'. This mostly consists of a series of yes or no questions. They will be asked if they agree that the courts of England and Wales have jurisdiction over their divorce and if they plan to defend the divorce or not. In most cases, the divorce is not defended.







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