

Amicable Divorce Checklist

Personal information		
Party 1:		
Party 2:		
Date of marriage:		
Instructions: Use this checklist to guide you through the process of an amicable divorce by identifying important steps and key considerations for a peaceful and fair separation. Review each item carefully and work together to ensure mutual understanding and agreement.		
Category	Task	Completed
Initial reparation	Decide on the divorce method (mediation, collaborative law, or DIY divorce)	
	Research state-specific divorce laws and requirements	
	Discuss the decision to divorce with your spouse to ensure mutual understanding	
Financial inventory	List all joint and individual assets (e.g.: properties, bank accounts, investments)	
	List all debts (e.g.: loans, mortgages, credit cards)	
	Collect financial documents (tax returns, pay stubs, bank statements, retirement accounts)	
	Agree on how to divide assets and liabilities	
	Outline a financial agreement for shared and separate finances	
Child custody and parenting plan (if applicable)	Determine the child custody arrangement (legal and physical custody)	
	Create a parenting schedule that works for both parties	
	Address child support responsibilities and amounts	
	Outline plans for future decision-making (e.g.: education, healthcare)	
Spousal support	Discuss and agree on alimony terms, if necessary	
	Outline the duration and amount of spousal support	
Living arrangements	Decide who will stay in the marital home or if it will be sold	
	Plan for new housing for the departing spouse	

Category	Task	Completed
Legal documentation	File the necessary divorce paperwork with the court	
	Draft and sign a written settlement agreement outlining all terms	
	Obtain a final divorce decree from the court	
Emotional and practical support	Seek counseling or therapy, if needed, for you or your children	
	Inform children about the divorce in an age-appropriate and unified manner	
	Notify friends, family, and key stakeholders (e.g.: schools, employers) about the divorce	
Post-divorce steps	Update financial accounts and beneficiaries	
	Transfer ownership of assets (e.g.: titles, deeds)	
	Create a new budget reflecting your post-divorce financial situation	
	Ensure compliance with all agreed terms, including custody and financial support	
	Review and adjust your future plans as needed	
Additional notes		