

Divorce with Minor Children Worksheet

Use this worksheet to gather the information you need to complete the Divorce with Minor Children interview. It is easier to gather this information before doing the interview. The more information you have when you begin the interview, the less you will need to gather later.

Information about Prior Court Cases

Are there any prior court cases in Michigan that involve you or your spouse? If so, for each case (like a paternity case, a prior divorce case, a personal protection order case, a child support case, or a tort case) you'll need to know:

- The court where the case was filed
- Whether that case is still active
- The case number
- The name of the judge assigned to the case

Are there any prior court orders about your children in Michigan or another state? This includes paternity, divorce, separate maintenance, custody, child support, neglect, abuse, dependency, guardianship, termination of parental rights, and protection from domestic violence. If so, for each case you'll need to know:

- The name of the case
- The court where the case was filed
- The case number
- The type of case
- The date of any child custody decision in that case

Information about You and Your Spouse

- Full legal name, prior name(s), other names ever used
- Social Security numbers
- Driver's license numbers
- Whether your spouse is in the military
- Employment information for you and your spouse
 - Employer name
 - Employer address and phone number
 - Employer federal identification number (FEIN)
 - Gross income
 - Professional or occupational license information for you and your spouse
 - License type
 - License number
 - Issuing state and date issued
- Health care coverage for you and your spouse
 - Policy holder

- Name and address of provider (insurance company)
- Policy number
- Certificate number
- Type of coverage policy provides (medical, dental, optical, or other)
- Names of children covered by policy
- Information about public assistance, if either you or your spouse receive any public benefits
 - Type of public assistance
 - DHS case number

Information about Your Marriage

- Your wedding date
- The place you were married (city, county and state, or country)
- Number of this marriage for each of you (first, second, etc.)
- Separation date (if separated)
- Whether you are pregnant or whether your wife is pregnant

Information about Minor Marital Children

Minor marital children are children under 18, or between 18 and 19 ½ if unmarried and enrolled in high school, who have both you **and** your spouse as parents.

- Full names and birth dates
- Social Security numbers
- The children's current addresses
- The children's addresses for the past five years
- Whether you and your spouse have agreed to custody and parenting time (visitation) arrangements for your children, and what you want those arrangements to be. There are several sample parenting time schedules that you may view and print at the end of these instructions.

Information about Other Minor Children

Other minor children are children under 18, or between 18 and 19 ½ if unmarried and enrolled in high school, who have **only one of you** as their legal parent, and have the other spouse as a step-parent.

- Names and birth dates
- The children's current addresses

Information about Your Property and Debt

Personal property – Personal property means all the things you own other than real property. When you file for divorce, you and your spouse may already have divided many of your possessions. During the interview, you only have to list property that you want divided as part of your divorce, meaning property that you and your spouse have not already divided. Types of property to include:

Financial assets – includes bank accounts, stocks and bonds, cash and cash equivalents. The identifying information you will need:

- Type of account
- Name of the bank or financial institution where the account is located
- Last 4 digits of the account number
- Whether the asset is a marital or non-marital asset (non-marital assets may include assets that were given to only one spouse as a gift, were inherited by only one spouse, or that only one spouse owned prior to the date you were married).

Furniture and household goods – includes household furnishings and personal belongings (clothes, jewelry, collectibles).

Motor Vehicles – includes cars, motorcycles, boats, trailers and mobile homes. The identifying information you will need:

- Vehicle year, make and model
- Name on title
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

Real Property – Real property means a house, condo or land, including a mobile home lot (if you own the lot). The identifying information you will need:

- Type of property owned (house, condo, land)
- Name(s) on deed to property
- Address of property
- Legal description of property
- Parcel number

Debts – Includes all mortgages, car loans, credit cards, personal loans, past due income taxes, and court judgments. Identifying information you will need:

- Name of creditor (the person or company you owe money to)
- Last four digits of account number
- Name on account
- Balance