

What to do next

There is a copy of the application with this summons. You have been named as a party in the application.

Read the application now and the notes overleaf.

When you go to court please take this Summons with you and show it to a court official.

About this Summons

Note 1

It is in your own interest to attend the court on the date shown on this Summons. You should be ready to give any evidence which you think will help you to put your side of the case.

Note 2

For legal advice - go to a solicitor or an advice agency. You can obtain the address of a solicitor or an advice agency from the Yellow Pages or the Law Society. A solicitor or an advice agency will be able to tell you whether you may be eligible for legal aid.

Note 3

If you require an interpreter

- because you do not speak English, you must bring your own.
- because of a disability, please contact the court to ask what help is available.

Note 4

To the respondent

The following information only applies if the applicant has applied for an occupation order.

If the applicant has ticked box 1, 4, 5 or 6 on page 4 of the application form, the court will need any available evidence of the following:

- the housing needs and resources of you, the applicant and any relevant child
- the financial resources of you and the applicant
- the likely effect of any order or of any decision not to make an order, on the health, safety and well-being of you, the applicant and any relevant child the conduct of you and the applicant in relation to each other and otherwise

If the applicant has ticked box 2, the court will need any available evidence of:

- the housing needs and resources of you, the applicant and any relevant child
- the financial resources of you and the applicant
- the likely effect of any order, or of any decision not to make an order, on the health, safety and well-being of you, the applicant and any relevant child
- the conduct of you and the applicant in relation to each other and otherwise
- the length of time that has elapsed since you and the applicant ceased to live together

- where you and the applicant were married, the length of time that has elapsed since the marriage was dissolved or annulled
- where you and the applicant were civil partners, the length of time that has elapsed since the dissolution or annulment of the civil partnership
- the existence of any pending proceedings between you and the applicant:
 - under Article 26 of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (property adjustment orders in connection with divorce proceedings etc.)
 - or under Part 2 of Schedule 15 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (property adjustment on or after dissolution, nullity or separation)
 - or under para 2(2)(d) or (e) of Schedule 1 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (orders for financial relief against parents)
 - or relating to the legal or beneficial ownership of the dwelling-house.

If the applicant has ticked box 3, the court will need any available evidence of:

- the housing needs and resources of you, the applicant and any relevant child
- the financial resources of you and the applicant
- the likely effect of any order, or of any decision not to make an order, on the health, safety and well being of you, the applicant and any relevant child
- the conduct of you and the applicant in relation to each other and otherwise
- the nature of you and the applicants relationship
- the length of time during which you have lived together as husband and wife or civil partners
- whether you and the applicant have any children, or have both had parental responsibility for any children
- the length of time which has elapsed since you and the applicant ceased to live together
- the existence of any pending proceedings between you and the applicant under para 2(2)(d) or (e) of Schedule 1 to the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 or relating to the legal or beneficial ownership of the dwelling-house.