



No fault divorce reforms off the table for 2021

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Commentary by Emily Foy, Senior Associate in the Family department, on the Ministry of Justice's decision to delay divorce reforms for six months while it grapples with issues regarding technology, legal, and court procedures, first published by The Law Society Gazette and New Law Journal online on 9 June 2021 and reproduced with kind permission.

Provisions under the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act – which received Royal assent a year ago – were due to commence this autumn. However, the Ministry of Justice quietly admitted this week that it needed more time to amend and test the digital system. The reforms will now commence on 6 April 2022.

<https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/content/no-fault-divorce-reforms-off-the-table-for-2021>

<https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/news/hmcts-urged-to-fix-digital-divorce-issues-during-reform-wait/5108775.article>

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