

Preparing a Notice of Exemption from Parenting Education Program

Form 20

Provincial Court Family Rules

Complete this form if you are a party on an application about a family law matter in a family justice registry or parenting education registry and you need to show you are exempt from completing a parenting education program.

Sometimes one or more parties are automatically exempt from having to complete a parenting education program. There are also situations where you can ask to be exempt.

Note: A first court appearance cannot be scheduled in a family justice registry or parenting education registry until one of the parties files a certificate of completion or shows that they are exempt by filing this form, with approval of exemption from Family Justice Services Division, if applicable.

You are **not required to participate** in a parenting education program if:

- you, the party, is government, a minister or a public officer
- the application about a family law matter is for child support only and the person who has rights to child support has assigned child support rights to the government under the *Employment and Assistance Act* or the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act*
- the application about a family law matter is only related to spousal support, and/or property division in respect of a companion animal
- every child involved in the family law matter has reached 19 years of age

Complete the top portion of the form to show you are exempt because you are not required to participate.

Be sure to select the reason why you are not required to participate in a parenting education program.

File the completed form with the court registry.

A **request to be exempt can be approved** by a local manager, or designate, of the Family Justice Services Division, for any of the following reasons:

- you cannot access an online version of the parenting education program
- the parenting education program is not available in a language you are fluent in
- you cannot complete the parenting education program because of literacy challenges
- you cannot complete the parenting education program because of a serious medical condition, or
- a consent order is filed that resolves all the issues involving the children

Complete the form to request to be exempt. Be sure to include your contact information.

Submit the form to Family Justice Services Division to review your request before filing the completed form with the court registry.

To submit the request for approval, contact your local Family Justice Centre or Justice Access Centre.

For local address and contact information visit www.clicklaw.bc.ca/helpmap/service/1019 or call 1-844-747-3963 to connect you with a local office who can assist.

If the request to be exempt is approved, file the approved form with the court registry.

If your request is not approved, you must complete the parenting education program.

For more information about the parenting education programs or to access the online courses, visit the BC Government website at www.gov.bc.ca/parentingafterseparation

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Rules 39, 40, 94, 100, 102 and 103

Court File No.
Court Location
Family ID

My name is

(full name of party)

My date of birth is

(mmm/dd/yyyy)

The other party in my case is

(full name of other party/parties)

Each party must complete a parenting education program if an Application About a Family Law Matter is filed in, or transferred to, a parenting education program registry. A first court appearance cannot be scheduled until one of the parties files a certificate of completion or shows that they are exempt by filing this form, with approval of exemption from Family Justice Services Division, if applicable.

☐ I am **not required to participate** in a parenting education program because:

Select each option that applies

- ☐ the party is government, a minister or a public officer
- ☐ the application about a family law matter is for child support only and the person who has rights to child support has assigned child support rights to the government under the *Employment and Assistance Act* or the *Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Act*
- ☐ the application about a family law matter is only related to spousal support and/or property division in respect of a companion animal
- ☐ every child involved in the family law matter has reached 19 years of age

If completion is not required in your case for one of the reasons listed above, file this form with the court.

☐ I **request to be exempt** from completing a parenting education program for the following reason(s):

Select each option that applies

- ☐ I cannot access an online version
- ☐ the parenting education program is not available in a language I am fluent in
- ☐ I cannot complete the parenting education program because of literacy challenges
- ☐ I cannot complete the parenting education program because of a serious medical condition
- ☐ a consent order is filed that resolves all the issues involving children

If you are requesting to be exempt from completing a parenting education program for one of the reasons listed above, your request must be approved by a local manager, or designate, of the Family Justice Services Division before filing this form with the court.

I can be reached at _____ by Family Justice Services Division if they need to get more information about my request.
(telephone number)

I wish to be notified by ☐ telephone ☐ email ☐ mail about the review of my request at:

(contact information)

FOR USE OF FAMILY JUSTICE SERVICES DIVISION ONLY

☐ Approved – _____ is exempt from the requirement to complete a parenting education course
(name of party)

☐ Not Approved – _____ must complete a parenting education course
(name of party)

By _____ Date _____
(Signature of Local Manager or Delegate) (mmm/dd/yyyy)