

Notice of Exemption from Parenting Education Program

Form 20

Provincial Court Family Court Rules
Rule 39, 40, 94, 100, 102 and 103

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Registry location:

Court file number:

Family ID:

Document number:

For registry use only

This Notice of Exemption from Parenting Education Program is used to show a party is exempt from completing a parenting education program requirement for an application about a family law matter.

Please read before completing the form:

- You must complete this form only if you are a party on an application about a family law matter in a family justice registry or parenting education program registry and you need **to show you are exempt** from completing a parenting education program.
- You **do not need to complete this form** if you completed a parenting education program in the 2 years before the date of the family management conference and the certificate of completion is filed on your case.
- Depending on your situation, you may be **automatically exempt** from the requirement to complete a parenting education program (complete Part 1 and 2), or you may **require approval to be exempt** (complete Part 1 and 3).
- If you require approval**, you must submit the form with your request for an exemption to Family Justice Services Division before filing the completed form with the court registry.
- For information about how to complete the parenting education program requirement or to access a program, visit www.gov.bc.ca/parentingafterseparation.



A first court appearance cannot be scheduled on a family law matter 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 [Rules 37, 38 and 39].

Part 1 | Party information

My name is . My date of birth is .
Full name of party (dd/mm/yyyy)

The **other party** in my case is .
Full name of other party/parties

Part 2 | Automatic exemption (not required to complete program)

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

Select each option that applies

- ☐ The **party** completing this notice **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**



Rules 90(1), 91, 100(3) and 101 set out the circumstances in which the requirement to complete a parenting education program does not apply.

If completion is not required in your case for one of the reasons listed above, file this form with the court registry. You do not need to complete any more of the form.

Part 3 | Request for exemption (required to complete program)

☐ 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.**

To submit your request for approval, contact your local Family Justice Centre or Justice Access Centre. Contact information can be found at www.gov.bc.ca/family-justice-services-division.

Party contact information

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

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

Provide your contact information in the box below

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☐ Approved: _____ is exempt from the requirement to complete a parenting education course.

☐ Not approved: _____ must complete a parenting education course.

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



Rules 94 and 100, set out the circumstances in which a local manager of the Family Justice Services Division, or designate, can exempt a party from the requirement to complete a parenting education program.



If you want to be exempt from completing a parenting education program, for any other reason, or having to meet the requirement before scheduling a family management conference, you must apply to the court using an Application for Case Management Order Without Notice or Attendance Form 11.



If your request is approved, file the completed form at the court registry.

If your request is not approved, you do not need to file this form. Instead, you must complete a parenting education course and file your certificate of completion.