

There are specific requirements when family law cases are filed in these Registry locations of the Provincial Court of B.C.:

- Abbotsford
- Chilliwack
- New Westminster
- Port Coquitlam
- Surrey
- Victoria

These requirements are called
Early Resolution Registry requirements.

The requirements apply to cases about:

- Parenting arrangements
- Child support
- Contact with a child
- Guardianship of a child
- Spousal support
- Property division in respect of a companion animal



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START BY TALKING TO STAFF

Abbotsford Justice Access Centre

2nd Floor – 32375
Veteran's Way
Phone: 604-851-7055
Toll-free: 1-888-260-3344

Chilliwack Family Justice Centre

202 – 46093 Yale Road
Phone: 604-795-8257
Toll-free: 1-888-295-3344

New Westminster Family Justice Centre

204 – 88 10th Street
Phone: 604-660-8636
Toll-free: 1-888-640-3344

Port Coquitlam Family Justice Centre

2610 Mary Hill Road
Phone: 604-927-2217
Toll-free: 1-888-683-3344

Surrey Justice Access Centre

3rd Floor – 14340
57th Avenue
Phone: 604-501-8282
Toll-free: 1-800-663-7867
(ask to be connected to
604-501-8282)

Victoria Justice Access Centre

225 – 850 Burdett Avenue
Phone: 250-356-7012
Toll-free: 1-800-663-7867
(ask to be connected to
250-356-7012)

Staff can help you with the following
kinds of court orders:

- Protection
- Priority Parenting Matters
- Relocation
- Consent
- Enforcement

Staff can also provide referrals and information
on how to request time before a judge.

For more information please visit:

www.gov.bc.ca/EarlyResolution
bit.ly/BCPCFamGetReady



Services for Families
Experiencing
Separation or Divorce

Early Resolution Registries

FAMILY LAW PROCESS

Abbotsford / Chilliwack / New Westminster
Port Coquitlam / Surrey / Victoria

Provincial Court
of British Columbia



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B.C. Provincial Court Family Law Process – Early Resolution Registries

Family Justice Services Division – Family Justice Centres and Justice Access Centres – ongoing assistance, referrals

Community Agency services | Legal advice | Private consensual dispute resolution

Contact the
Family Justice
Services Division
(FJSD) office
nearest you:

Abbotsford
604-851-7055

Chilliwack
604-795-8257

New Westminster
604-660-8636

Port Coquitlam
604-927-2217

Surrey
604-501-8282

Victoria
250-356-7012

Check out
online
information
about the
Early
Resolution
Process

Other orders:

- Protection
- Priority Parenting
- Matter
- Prohibiting Relocation
- Consent
- Case Management
- Enforcement

File Application, Serve the
other party (if applicable)

Court appearance
or review by judge

Judge's
Decision

Other family law
matters to Early
Resolution Process

EARLY RESOLUTION PROCESS

Family Law matters:

- Complete a *Parenting After Separation* Course
 - *parental responsibilities*
 - *parenting time*
- Child support
- Contact with a child
- Guardianship of a child
- Spousal support
- Property division in respect of a companion animal

File your Notice to Resolve at the court registry

Provide a copy of the Notice to Resolve to the other party

Participate in
an assessment
of your needs
with the JAC

(The JAC will
invite the
other party
to complete
assessment
of their needs)

Complete a
*Parenting
After Separation*
Course

Participate in consensual
dispute resolution (unless
not appropriate or exempt)
You may use services provided
by Family Justice Services Division
Or you may hire a private dispute
resolution professional
Or participate in a collaborative
law agreement process

Resolved Matters
Agreements, Consents

Unresolved
Matters
(if any)

PROVINCIAL COURT PROCESS

Other party files reply

Work with registry
or judicial case
manager to schedule
Family Management
Conference

File an Application
About a Family Law
Matter

Serve the other party

Participate in a
Family Management
Conference

Orders for specific
actions, consent
orders or proceed
to trial preparation

File Agreement or
Application for a
Consent Order

To Trial

Get information, referrals, increased understanding, early opportunities for full or partial resolution of issues: gov.bc.ca/EarlyResolution | bit.ly/BCPCFamGetReady