

A quick guide to the difference between uncontested and contested divorces in Canada

Uncontested divorce	Contested divorce
<p>Both parties file for an uncontested divorce and mutually agree to the terms of their separation.</p> <p>There are no major difficulties requiring legal mediation or a lengthy trial.</p> <p> Average cost: \$1,845</p>	<p>The parties can't agree on the terms of their separation, laying the foundation for a contested divorce.</p> <p>Due to confrontation or disagreement, legal mediation is required, and may result in a lengthy trial in order to obtain a divorce.</p> <p> Average cost: \$13,638</p>

These fees are exclusively the legal fees charged by lawyers to accept a case and do not include any additional disbursement charges or trial cost. The costs are approximate based on Canadian legal fee data – to get an actual cost for your filing, consult a lawyer or legal expert.