

# Post-Divorce Checklist

## Read the decree

- ☐ Get certified copy of final decree
- ☐ Read & be sure you understand it
- ☐ Check it for mistakes (Let the court know immediately of any.)
- ☐ Enter personalized tasks and deadlines in your calendar

## Finances

- ☐ Close any shared accounts
- ☐ Request your credit report
- ☐ Update your utility bills
- ☐ Update your insurance policies
- ☐ Split retirement funds (if court-ordered to do so)
- ☐ Update your heirs on investments
- ☐ Speak to your tax preparer
- ☐ Update your estate planning documents (will & guardianship)
- ☐ Automate child support or alimony (if you send it)
- ☐ Keep records of payments sent or received

## Update your name on:

- ☐ ID cards
- ☐ Health insurance
- ☐ Medical files
- ☐ Savings and credit accounts
- ☐ Utility bills
- ☐ Deed to your house
- ☐ Title to your car
- ☐ Public assistance
- ☐ Professional licenses
- ☐ Employment file with HR
- ☐ Contact info at child's school
- ☐ Contact info at pediatrician

## Provide your new address to:

- ☐ Friends and family
- ☐ The court
- ☐ The child support agency (if the state administers your order)
- ☐ Bills that are mailed to you

## Final cleanup of loose ends

- ☐ Change ownership/lease of home or car (if the court so ordered)
- ☐ Change your physical locks or your online passwords if you're worried they're compromised
- ☐ Give your ex any of their belongings you still have
- ☐ If your ex doesn't cooperate, document your efforts
- ☐ Discuss with your lawyer whether you'd like your files returned or destroyed
- ☐ Pay your lawyer's final bill