



Divorce in Cameroon: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Original divorce judgement (+ 4 colour photocopies of each document), consisting of:
 - *Expédition*
 - *Significations / Notifications signed by both ex-spouses*
 - *Certificat de non appel*
 - *Grosse*

- If the marriage took place in Cameroon: Original of the marriage certificate with marginal mention of the divorce on the certificate and in the marriage registry (+ 4 colour photocopies)

- If one or both ex-spouses are of Cameroonian nationality: Original birth certificates with marginal mention of marriage and divorce on the birth certificate and in the birth registry (+ 4 colour photocopies) and a certified copy issued by the civil status office of the place of birth (+3 photocopies)

- Valid proof of identity

- Change of address, if any

The original documents are to be submitted to the Embassy and will be returned after the finalisation of the procedure.

Additional documents may be required if necessary.

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated.

Thorough verification

As a rule, foreign civil status documents to be submitted must undergo a thorough verification of their authenticity by an approved law firm mandated. To this end, please submit the following to the Swiss representation:

- Declaration form concerning voluntary verification of foreign civil status documents, duly dated and signed (the form will be handed out at the counter on the day you submit your documents).
- Advance on the cost of your request for a thorough verification by a law firm approved by the Swiss representation. Any balance will be returned with an exact account. The advance can be paid:

In Cameroon: XAF 700,000 payable at the counter of the Swiss Embassy in Yaoundé

In Switzerland: CHF 1'100 by bank transfer to:
Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA, Freiburgstrasse 130, 3003 Berne,
postal account 30-197-2, IBAN CH09 0900 0000 3000 0197 2, SWIFT/BIC POFICHBEXXX, indicating:
YAOUNDÉ & the names of the beneficiary.

Additional documents may be required, depending on the conclusions of a lawyer's expert advice or the requirements of the authorities concerned in Switzerland.

Civil status procedures are relatively long, taking at least 12 months only in Cameroon from the date of submission of the complete file.

The conclusions of the firm's advice are not binding on the civil status authority concerned.

Fees

Switzerland: Entry of adoption in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

Cameroon:

In the case of a transmission without thorough verification, postage costs (XAF 3500, variable fee) are to be paid at the counter of the Swiss Embassy in cash for the transmission of the file to the Swiss authorities.

If an in-depth verification is carried out, the Swiss Embassy will debit fees related to the processing of the file from the deposited advance payment.

Submission of file - Appointment

Filings are by appointment only. To make an appointment, send an e-mail with scanned copies of the passports of the persons concerned to the following e-mail address: **yaounde.etatcivil@eda.admin.ch**

Further information

Only a complete file is accepted.