

Registration of a Divorce / Dissolution of a Registered Partnership

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Documents to submit for a divorce with court decision (Δικαστικό διαζύγιο)

- The original divorce decree or a certified copy issued by the court (Δικαστική απόφαση διαζυγίου, πρωτότυπο ή επικυρωμένο φωτοαντίγραφο από το Δικαστήριο)
- Original Civil Agreement concerning the right of care of under-age children, or a certified copy issued by the court
 (Πρωτότυπο γραπτής συμφωνίας για την επιμέλεια των ανήλικων παιδιών ή επικυρωμένο φωτοαντίγραφο από το Δικαστήριο)
- □ Duly completed divorce questionnaire (available on our web page)

The original documents are submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and <u>must</u> <u>not be older than six months</u>. They can be returned on written request only prior to being sent to Switzerland.

Important: Photocopies and coloured scans legalised by a lawyer or another authority are not accepted. By request of the competent authorities in Switzerland, additional documents may be required.

Documents to submit for notarial dissolution of marriage (Συμβολαιογραφική πράξη λύσης γάμου)

- Original notarial deed of dissolution of the marriage/partnership (Πράξη συναινετική λύσης γάμου σε πρωτότυπο από συμβολαιογράφο)
- □ Duly completed divorce questionnaire (available on our web page)

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- Common Statement to dissolve a Civil Union, pursuant to Article 17 of the said Law (Κοινή Δήλωση για τη λύση Πολιτικής Συμβίωσης, δυνάμει Αρθ. 17 του νόμου)
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Legalisation

All foreign civil status documents must be legalised before being submitted to the Swiss representation. The apostille ($\Sigma \phi \rho \alpha \gamma i \delta \alpha \tau \eta \zeta X \dot{\alpha} \gamma \eta \zeta$) is affixed only by the <u>Ministry of Justice and Public Order</u>.

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated. List of translators: <u>https://www.pio.gov.cy/en/translations/</u>

Fees

The entry of the divorce/dissolution of a partnership abroad in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

However, in case of a change of surname after divorce, a declaration will be necessary (Art. 119, § 1 of the Swiss Civil Code), against fees. To proceed with this, the concerned person must come to the Embassy to fill in the necessary document. Please contact our representation for any information.

Further information

- □ All original documents must be accompanied by a photocopy.
- □ The documents must be sent by registered mail or by courier service in order to prevent any loss.
- □ The registration takes about 2-3 months, depending on the canton.