



## Divorce/Dissolution of registered partnership in Finland: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

- Certificate of divorce\*** (*Avioeropäättö*) with legal effect note, not older than six months.
- Form** «Questionnaire concerning divorce» (see <https://www.eda.admin.ch/finland>, *Services – Civil status affairs – Divorce/Dissolution of registered partnership abroad*).

#### For the **Swiss** partner:

- Extract from the population information system in Finland\*** in English, not older than six months.  
The document must contain the following – Personal data, new civil status, incl. personal data from the previous partner, date of legal effect of the divorce and address.
- Certificate** regarding **change of name and surnames\***. The above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland must also contain the change of name with the following information - former name or surnames, date of change of name).
- A **copy of the Swiss passport** (page with personal data and signature).

#### For the **Finnish** partner:

- Extract from the population information system in Finland\*** in English, not older than six months.  
The document must contain the following – Personal data, new civil status, incl. personal data from the previous partner, date of legal effect of the divorce and address.
- Certificate** regarding **change of name and surnames\***. The above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland must contain the name change (former name or surnames, date of name change).
- A **copy of the Finnish passport** (page with personal data and signature).

The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and **must not be older than six months**. They will not be returned. Photocopies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

All documents and certificates must be submitted **as originals** (exception: copies of the passports). All **Finnish documents\*** must be legalized with an **apostille (see legalization)**.

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## Translation

Documents in English, German, French and Italian are accepted.

## Legalisation

All Finnish documents\* (marked with \*) must be certified with **an apostille**.  
In Finland, apostilles are issued by the Digital and Population Data Services Agency  
[www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en](http://www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en) .

## Fees

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

## Further information

If civil status documents do not come from Finland or Switzerland, please contact the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm beforehand. Depending on the origin of the documents, different regulations apply and the processing can take more time.

Please be informed that civil status affairs have to be registered chronologically in the Swiss Civil Register.

All submitted documents and certificates will be verified and sent to the competent authorities in Switzerland for registration in the Swiss Civil Register. A delay of **at least two months** is to be expected until the divorce is registered. After this period, the [civil status office](#) responsible for the Swiss national's place of origin can provide information on the status of the registration and issue certificates (such as family certificate or confirmation of divorce) upon request. The Regional Consular Centre informs the involved person by email, as soon as the civil status authorities decided about the inscription in the Register.

Only after the completed registration of divorce and possible change of name in the Swiss Civil Register, an application for a Swiss passport and/or Identity card may be submitted. The parents may file such an application through the website [www.schweizerpass.ch](http://www.schweizerpass.ch). (Passport and identity card for Swiss citizens living abroad > online application).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm by e-mail or telephone.

## Where to obtain the documents

Certificate of divorce (*Avioeropäätös*).  
→ at the competent court

Extract from the population information system in Finland.  
→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency

Certificate of change of name (Extract from the population information system in Finland)  
→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency