



## Divorce in Mozambique: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

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- Original marriage certificate with the mention of the divorce\*** (assento de casamento/certidão de narrativa completa do registo de casamento com averbação do divórcio), issued by the “Conservatória do Registo Civil” of the main town in the district where the marriage took place (for **legalization** see page 2)
- Original divorce certificate\*** (certidão/assento de divórcio e separação de pessoas), issued by the competent “Tribunal Judicial” of the province where the divorce has been pronounced (for **legalization** see page 2)
- Photocopy of valid Swiss Passport or valid ID Card of Swiss citizen
- Photocopy of valid Passport or ID card of the Mozambique spouse indicating the surname after the marriage
- If the Swiss citizen is a dual citizen: photocopy of Mozambican Passport or ID card indicating the surname after the marriage
- Divorce questionnaire, completed and signed

If the divorced couple has minor children:

- Original certified copy of the custody sentence\*** mentioning the holder of the parental authority, issued by the competent “Tribunal Judicial” (for **legalization** see page 2)

The original certificates are submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and will not be returned (**photocopies or certified copies are not accepted**). Additional documents may be required by the Swiss civil status authority.

All documents marked with a \* **must not be older than six months** (date of issue) at the time of their submission to the Regional Consular Centre (RCC).

### Translation

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Documents that are not in English must be translated into a Swiss national language (German, French, Italian or Romansch).

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## Legalization

The documents marked with \* must be first legalized by the Ministry of Justice (Ministério da Justiça, Direcção dos Registos e Notariado) and then by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros e Cooperação – MINEC).

### **Ministério da Justiça**

Av. Lenine, próxima à esquina com a Av. Ho Chi Minh  
Maputo

### **Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros e Cooperação**

Av. 10 de Novembro  
Maputo

## Fees

Entry of the marriage in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge, however in certain cases fees can occur. If this is the case, you will be informed accordingly.

## Processing time

Once the complete documentation has been received by the competent Swiss representation, experience has shown, that this process can take several weeks or months.

## Further information

If the documents are sent by mail: Please include a cover letter mentioning your personal and contact details. It is however strongly recommended to use a private courier company.

**Only once the divorce has been registered in Switzerland, a new Swiss passport can be issued in case of surname change.**

Please contact the Regional Consular Centre Southern Africa (RCC) at the Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria if the **divorce took place outside of Mozambique**.

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