



Registration of Divorce

The competent authority in Ethiopia only can give information about the divorce proceeding.

Divorces abroad of Swiss nationals have to be reported to the responsible Embassy of Switzerland as soon as possible.

Step 1: Providing of documents

The following original documents have to be handed over to this Embassy:

- ❖ **Passport of both ex-spouses**
- ❖ **Divorce certificate** (*issued by the Vital Events Registration Agency*)
- ❖ **Court decision** (issued by the competent court)
- ❖ **Address information of both ex-spouses**, before and after the divorce, on an empty A4 sheet
- ❖ **ID card for Ethiopian nationals** (confirming the residence at the time of the divorce)

Please make sure the information on the documents is correct. Names in Amharic, Oromia, Tigrinya and English have to be written the same way on each document, including the passport.

Step 2: Legalization and translation

The original Ethiopian civil status and court documents need to be legalized by the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All documents written in Amharic, Oromia or Tigrinya need to be translated into German, French, Italian or English by one of the Embassy's officially recognized translation offices (see list [here](#)).

Step 3: submission and payment of fees

All documents must be submitted as **originals** upon appointment. Please call or e-mail the consular section of the Embassy to arrange an appointment. Certificates issued once only (e.g. divorce certificate) will be returned after the verification.

The fees for the verification of the documents range between **CHF 120 – CHF 700** depending on the amount of documents and the region where the documents were issued. The fees need to be paid in cash and ETB at the moment of submission.

The Embassy of Switzerland and the cantonal civil status authorities reserve the right to request further documents.

Should you have any questions regarding the registration of divorce, please do not hesitate to contact the Embassy by e-mail or telephone.

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