



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

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### Documents to submit

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The following papers are part of a unilateral divorce procedure:

- Original Nikah Nama (in Bangla)
- Original Notice of Divorce (in English)
- Original Arbitration (in Bangla & English)
- Original Talak Nama (in Bangla & English), also called Talak-E-Tofweez
- Divorce Certificate (in English)

The following papers are part of a mutual divorce procedure:

- Original Nikah Nama (in Bangla)
- Divorce Certificate (in English)
- Affidavit, signed by ex-husband and ex-wife

General:

- 1 passport picture and copy of the passport of all the concerned persons have to be handed in
- + 1 copy of all documents

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.

### Translation

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Documents that are not in English must be translated.

### Thorough verification

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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, a declaration form concerning the voluntary verification of foreign civil status documents needs to be signed during the appointment at the Swiss Embassy.

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

The approved law firm mandated may take several months to verify the civil status documents thoroughly.

## Fees

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

The thorough verification may cause cost up to BDT 60'000. In case the concerned person agrees, in order to win time, the verification process may be started immediately, once the documents are handed in at the Embassy and an advance payment for the costs of the verification is being paid to the Embassy.

## Appointment

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To schedule an appointment, send an e-mail with a scan of your documents to [dhaka@eda.admin.ch](mailto:dhaka@eda.admin.ch).

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