



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

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### Documents to submit to your Swiss representation

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Procedure after a **divorce/dissolution in Belize is legally valid:**

- Divorce/Dissolution certificate, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy;  
- or marriage certificate with annotation of the divorce/dissolution, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.  
**If children were still minors:**
- Divorce/Dissolution Decree or Sentence of Divorce/Dissolution issued by the competent court, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.  
It must contain information about the guardianship/custody and parental authority of the minor children.
- Passport or identity card of the non-Swiss person: 2 photocopies of the page with personal data
- Additional information form for the registration of a divorce/dissolution to provide by this Embassy.

### If the divorce/dissolution took place in Switzerland:

- Instead of the above mentioned documents, only 1 ordinary photocopy of the divorce/dissolution decree is required.

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. The procedure is **free of charge** and can take **up to 6 months**. The application for a change of surname after registry for spouse/husband can be made at this embassy. Changes of civil status must always be registered in chronological order. If there was a **previous civil event** that was not registered in the civil registry in Switzerland, this has to be processed beforehand.

### Apostille

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**All Belizean certificates must carry an APOSTILLE.**

The apostille must be ordered in the corresponding Belizean office.

Hours of operation:  
Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.  
Telephone service:  
Monday to Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 15:00  
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