



Divorce / Dissolution of registered partnership in the United Kingdom and Ireland: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- ☐ original of **divorce decree absolute** or **dissolution of registered partnership decision** that specifies when it entered into force;
 - > bearing the seal of the High Court of Justice/County Court
 - > certified by a solicitor, notary public or court official
 - > bearing the **apostille** of the [Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office](#) (UK) or [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) (Ireland) (*paper version only; digital apostille or printed out digital apostille are not accepted*)
- ☐ court order stipulating the legal custody (parental responsibility) of all children the parents have in common (for inspection only), if applicable
- ☐ completed [divorce questionnaire](#) (dated and signed by hand)

The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland. They will not be returned. Additional documents may be requested.

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated.

Fees

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

Further information

- ☒ Did you check all the applicable boxes above? Once you have done so, please submit the required documents to the Regional Consular Centre in London by:
 - posting the above-mentioned documents by registered mail to:
Regional Consular Centre, c/o Embassy of Switzerland, 16-18 Montagu Place,
London, W1H 2BQ

The Regional Consular Center will translate and legalize the documents and forward them to the place of origin in Switzerland so that the family details can be updated in the Swiss central system (Infostar); this may take several weeks/ months.

Where to obtain de documents

Divorce/dissolution decree

- Court Administration where the divorce/dissolution was finalized

For further information:

UK <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/united-kingdom/en/home/services/zivstand/scheidung.html>

Ireland <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/ireland/en/home/services/zivstand/scheidung.html>