



Divorce in Cuba: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- original of divorce decree («certificado/sentencia de divorcio») that specifies when it entered into force
- document stipulating the parental custody of any joint children, unless indicated on the divorce decree
- change of address
- copy of passport of both members of the couple

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

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

Legalisation

All foreign civil status documents must be legalised by the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores (MINREX) before being submitted to the Swiss representation:

MINREX
Consultoría Jurídica Internacional
Calle 22 entre 1era y 3a
Miramar, Playa, La Habana

Fees

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

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Types of divorces in Cuba

Information: by the International Law Firm located at 5th Avenue and 40th Street, Miramar, Havana / <http://www.bufeteinternacional.cu>

1. Notarial Divorce

The two parties involved must go to a Notary's office and request the divorce by mutual agreement. The notarial act is granted now and will be registered in the Civil Status Registry in approximately 72 hours.

2. Divorce for just cause before a Court of Law

One of the parties involved files for divorce before a court:

- a) With acquiescence (defendant agrees to all terms)
- b) In default or with opposition (the defendant does not appear to the summons of the Court). The marriage is declared dissolved "in default".

In this case (divorce by judgment), it is advisable to present a **literal copy of the judgment of the Court**, since it is the most accurate official document to take effect abroad.