



## Divorce in Tuvalu: How to update the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

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- Divorce order**
  - Original order dissolving marriage/civil union or an original certified copy, issued within the last 6 months by the Court which granted the order (will not be returned to you)
  - with mention of date order made and date order sealed
  - photocopies, scans or certified copies will not be accepted
  
- Form** "[Additional information to register a Divorce/Dissolution of Civil Union](#)", signed by both parties within the last 6 months (with place and date)
  
- If applicable: Custody order for your children**
  - Original "Custody order" or an original certified copy, issued within the last 6 months by the Court which granted the order (will not be returned to you)
  - issued within the last 6 months. If the document is older, a new document must be ordered
  - with mention of date order made and date order sealed
  - photocopies, scans or certified copies will not be accepted
  
- If any document has not been issued by the Tuvalu authorities, please contact this representation.** We will then inform you about the criteria required for the non-Tuvalu documents. Additional documents and/or an advance payment may be required for the verification process, which can take several months.

### Translation

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

### Fees

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

**See next page for further information**

## Further information

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### **Where to obtain the documents?**

Office of Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Office of the Attorney General

Private Mail Bag, Vaiaku, Funafuti

Phone: (+688) 20823 or Fax: (+688) 20819

Email: [agoffice@tuvalu.tv](mailto:agoffice@tuvalu.tv)

### **Where to send the documents?**

Embassy of Switzerland

Level 12, 10 Customhouse Quay, Wellington 6011

PO Box 25004, Wellington 6140

New Zealand

Upon receipt of the relevant documents, the Embassy will translate and legalise the documents and forward them to the appropriate authority in Switzerland, so that the family details can be updated in the Swiss civil status register (Infostar); this takes on average 3-4 months.

The civil registrar authorities in Switzerland may request additional documents / information.