



Divorce in the Republic of Korea: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

Divorces of Swiss citizens in the Republic of Korea must be registered with the Embassy of Switzerland in Seoul in order to register the divorce at the civil status office in Switzerland.

Submission of documents is possible with appointment or by post. Please contact the consular section of the Embassy by e-mail seoul.chancery@eda.admin.ch or by phone.

Swiss Couple

Swiss citizen, who is registered at the Embassy as Swiss Abroad

- ☐ Divorce decision with legal notice from the family court, translated/legalized by law firm and with Apostille*
- ☐ In the case of a divorce pronounced in Switzerland, persons registered with the Embassy of Switzerland in Seoul are under an obligation to report the change of civil status. This requires submitting the following documents so that the register of the Swiss abroad can be updated:
 - divorce decree with the date on which it takes effect
 - New address of the divorced couple

Swiss citizen, who is not registered at the Embassy

- ☐ Divorce decision with legal notice from the family court, translated/legalized by law firm and with Apostille*
- ☐ Valid original passport
- ☐ Certificate of residence from the official residency in Switzerland
- ☐ Certificate of civil status (Personenstandsausweis, fiche individuel d'état civil), if available

Swiss/Korean Couple

- ☐ Valid original passport
 - ☐ One of the following documents:
 - Divorce by mutual consent (협의에 의한 이혼): Written Confirmation (협의이혼확인서) issued by court, translated/legalized by law firm and with Apostille*
 - Divorce by mediation (조정에 의한 이혼) : Protocol of Mediation (조정 조서) issued by court, translated/legalized by law firm and with Apostille*
 - Divorce by court (재판에 의한 이혼) : Divorce Decree (이혼 판결문) issued by court, translated/legalized by law firm and with Apostille*
 - ☐ Marriage Relation Certificate, detailed 'Honingwangye Jungmyungseo-sangsae (혼인관계증명서-상세)' with Apostille*
- : The Marriage Relation Certificate should be issued after the divorce has been registered.

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- ☐ The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and **must not be older than three months. They will not be returned.** Additional documents may be required if necessary.

Translation

Korean civil documents will be translated by the Embassy of Switzerland in Seoul.

Apostille

To obtain 'Apostille' on Korean civil status documents, please contact the following office

Service and Support center for Overseas Koreans

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<http://www.oka.go.kr/oka/services/info/apostille/>

How to get Apostille: <http://www.oka.go.kr/oka/services/info/apostille/>

or **E-Apostille**: <https://www.apostille.go.kr/gb/app/applIndex.do>

Fees

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

Further information

- ☐ All submitted documents and certificates will be forwarded to the competent civil register office in Switzerland. This procedure can take around at least two months.

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