



## Divorce in Mauritius: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

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- Original certified copy of the divorce sentence\***, issued by the competent Court Supreme of Mauritius, **legalized with an Apostille** (see rubric "Apostille")
- Photocopy of passport or ID card** of the Mauritian ex-spouse, indicating surname after divorce (in case surname has changed after the divorce)
- Photocopy of passport or ID card** of the Swiss ex-spouse
- If the Swiss ex-spouse is a dual citizen and has changed surname after divorce: **photocopy of Mauritian passport or ID card**, indicating surname after divorce
- Questionnaire divorce, completed and signed

If the divorced couple has minor children:

- Original certified copy of the custody sentencen\*** mentioning the holder of the parental authority, issued by the competent Court Supreme of Mauritius, **legalized with an Apostille** (see rubric "Apostille")

The original certificates are submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and will not be returned (**photocopies or certified copies are not accepted**). Additional documents may be required by the Swiss civil status authority.

All documents marked with a \* **must not be older than six months** (date of issue) at the time of their submission to the Regional Consular Centre (RCC).

### Translation

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Documents that are issued in English or in a Swiss national language (French, German Italian or Romansch) do not need to be accompanied by a translation.

### Apostille

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The Apostille can be obtained from the Prime Minister's Office, Hôtel du Gouvernement, Port Louis. Please find below the link to the website:

<https://govmu.org/EN/infoservices/govadministration/Pages/pmoffice.aspx>

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## Fees

Entry of the divorce/dissolution of partnership abroad in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge, however in certain cases fees can occur. If this is the case, you will be informed accordingly.

## Further information

If the documents are sent by mail: Please include a cover letter mentioning your personal and contact details. It is however strongly recommended to use a private courier company.

**Only once the divorce has been registered in Switzerland, a new Swiss passport can be issued in case of surname change after the divorce.**

Please contact the Regional Consular Centre Southern Africa (RCC) at the Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria if the **divorce took place outside of Mauritius**.

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