



Divorce in Nigeria: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Original Decree Nisi, issued by the High Court
- Original Decree Nisi having become absolute, issued by the High Court with date of validity
- Document stipulating the parental custody of any joint children, unless indicated on the divorce decree or on the dissolution of registered partnership decision
- Passport copy
- Change of address

The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland. They will not be returned. Photocopies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

Thorough verification

As a rule, foreign civil status documents to be submitted must undergo a thorough verification of their authenticity by an approved law firm mandated. To this end, please submit the following to the Swiss representation:

- declaration form concerning voluntary verification of foreign civil status documents, duly dated and signed
- questionnaire for the verification of civil status documents

Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja to find out about the actual fees for the verification of the documents through the Embassy's lawyer.

Additional documents may be required, depending on the conclusions of a lawyer's expert advice or the requirements of the authorities concerned in Switzerland.

The verification of the documents through the lawyer may take several months. The conclusions of the firm's advice are not binding on the civil status authority concerned.

Fees

The fees for this procedure vary (depending on the exchange rate). Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja to enquire about the actual fees.