



Divorce in China: Entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit to the competent Swiss representation in China

Spouses can divorce in China either at a Chinese civil registry office or in court, depending on their agreement.

Divorce at the civil registry office:

- Divorce certificate (notarial certificate of divorce), issued by a public notary and with apostille. The notarial certificate includes a copy of the original divorce certificate from the Chinese civil registration office and a translation.
- Indication of the place of residence at the time of the divorce and current address details of both divorced spouses
- Photocopy of a valid passport or identity card

Divorce in court:

- Divorce decree, notarized by a public notary and with apostille. The notarized document must include a copy of the original divorce decree from the court.
- In case of divorce by means of legal mediation by the court, a notarized certificate of legal effect with apostille must also be submitted.
- Indication of the place of residence at the time of the divorce and current address details of both divorced spouses
- Photocopy of a valid passport or identity card

If you have children together:

- Documents stipulating the parental custody of any joint children, if not indicated on the divorce certificate / divorce decree

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

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Translation

Documents that are not written in a Swiss national language (German, French or Italian) or in English must be translated.

Apostille

Civil status documents must bear an apostille issued by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A list of Chinese Foreign Affairs Offices that issue apostilles can be found below.

Fees

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

Further information

For questions, you can contact the Swiss representation responsible for your place of residence / consular district.

Foreign Affairs Offices

Chinese Foreign Affairs Offices, which issue apostilles:

Consular district Beijing:

Beijing Municipality

(also issuing Apostilles for Ningxia, Tianjin, Tibet, Qinghai and Xinjiang)
Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs MFA
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Chongqing Municipality

Chongqing Foreign Affairs Office
No. 57, Honghu East Road
Yubei District
Chongqing 400015
Tel: 023 6387 3733
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Gansu Province

Gansu Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
No. 805, Nanchang Road
Chengguan District
Lanzhou 730030
Tel: 0931 8720 709

Guizhou Province

Guizhou Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
No.172, Guanshan Xi Road
Guanshanhu District
Guiyang 550081
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Hebei Province

Hebei Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
Room 103, Building B
Minxin Plaza Office Building
Provincial Government Office
No. 75 Shifan Street
Shijiazhuang 050051
Tel: 0311 8780 7336

Heilongjiang Province

Heilongjiang Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
No. 300, Guoge Street
Nangang District
Harbin 150001
Tel: 0451 5360 7560
0451 5363 3973

Henan Province

Henan Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
No.15, Jingshui Road
Jingshui District
Zhengzhou 450003
Tel: 0371 6568 8864

Hubei Province

Hubei Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
No. 3, Bayi Road
Wuchang District
Wuhan 430071
Tel: 027 8730 1852

Jilin Province

Jilin Provincial Foreign Affairs Office
1st floor, Provincial Government Affairs Hall,
No. 9999 Renmin Street
Changchun 130022
Tel: 0431 8275 2831

Inner Mongolia Province

Inner Mongolia Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
Room 104, West Annex Building
Building 8
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Hohhot 010098
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Shaanxi Province

Shaanxi Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
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Productivity Building, No. 1
South Section of Huancheng
East Road, Beilin District
Xi'an 710048
Tel: 029 8323 2980
029 8241 8705

Yunnan Province

Yunnan Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
No. 230, Dagan Road
Xishan District
Kunming 650032
Tel: 0871 6409 8094

Jinan City

Jinan Municipal FAO
7th Floor, Qianfoshan Building
No. 15, Wenhua West Road
Lixia District
Jinan 250011
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Tibet Province

Tibet Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
No. 11, Linkuo North Road
Lhasa 850000
Tel: 0891 6328 433
0891 6335 171
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transfer them to MFA in Beijing)

Ningxia Province

Ningxia Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
No. 106, Fenghuang North Street
Yinchuan 750001
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Liaoning Province

Liaoning Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
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Shandong Province

Shandong Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
No. 28-1, Qianfoshan East Road
Lixia District
Jinan 250014
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Changchun City

Changchun Municipal FAO
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Qindao City

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Xinjiang Province

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Shanxi Province

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Sichuan Province

Sichuan Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
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Chenghua District
Chengdu 610021
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Harbin City

Harbin Municipal FAO
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Songbei District
Harbin 150028
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Tianjin Municipality

Tianjin Foreign Affairs Office
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Shanghai 200040
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Jiangsu Province

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Zhejiang Province

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Ningbo City

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Fujian Province

Foreign Affairs Office of Fujian
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97 Hua Lin Road, Gulou District
Fuzhou 350003
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Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

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Hainan Province

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Hunan Province

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Jiangxi Province

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