



Divorce or Dissolution of Civil Union in New Zealand

To register your divorce or dissolution of your same sex civil union with the authorities in Switzerland, please provide the following documents:

- Order dissolving marriage or Order dissolving civil union**
 - Original “Order Dissolving Marriage”
 - or an original certified copy, issued within the last 6 months by the Court which granted the order
 - with mention of date order made and date order sealed
 - photocopies, scans or certified copies will not be accepted
 - will not be returned to you
- Form “[Divorce or 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
 - with mention of date order made and date order sealed
 - photocopies, scans or certified copies will not be accepted
 - will not be returned to you

If any of the civil status events took place outside of New Zealand, please inform this representation, as we would then need to check what documents are required. An advance payment may be required and the process can take several months.

Important information

Upon receipt of the relevant documents, we 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 central system (Infostar); this takes on average 3-4 months.

The civil registrar authorities in Switzerland can request additional documentation.

Where to send the documents?

Embassy of Switzerland
10 Customhouse Quay
P.O. Box 25004
Wellington 6140
New Zealand