



Finland

Necessary documents to register changes in civil status taking place in Finland

Please note: As from January 1, 2018, an apostille is required on all Finnish civil status documents.

All documents are required in original (photocopies are not accepted) and must not be older than six months. The documents are sent to Switzerland and will not be returned.

If you are in possession of a family book/family certificate and send it in together with the other required documents, the update is free of charge.

Birth of a child from married parents (marriage is registered)

For the child:

- Birth certificate with name of the child and both parents (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English
- If available a copy of the foreign passport

Birth of a child from non-married parents

For the child:

- Birth certificate with name of the child and both parents (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English
- Confirmation of custody **and** paternity must be clearly visible on the *Extract from the population information system in Finland*
- Certified copy of Acknowledgement of paternity (stamp and signature of social authority) (*Isyyden tunnustaminen*) (document with the signature from the father)
- If available a copy of the foreign passport

For foreign father/mother:

- Birth certificate with name of both parents (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English
- Confirmation of civil status and residence; civil status and address must be clearly visible on the extract from the population information system in Finland (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English
- If previously married or widowed:
Certified copy of divorce certificate (*Avioeropäätös*) and an *Extract from the population information system in Finland* with information about the date of divorce or an *Extract from the population information system in Finland with date of death from former husband/wife* in English
- Passport copy (pages with personal data and signature)

Marriage or registered partnership (same sex marriage)

- Marriage certificate (*Certificate of marriage / Vihkimistodistus*)
- Form *Questionnaire concerning marriage* (www.eda.admin.ch/nordischestaaten)

Additional for Swiss citizen:

- *Extract from the population information system in Finland* in English with the new civil status including information about husband/wife and possible name change

Additional for non-Swiss partner:

- Birth certificate with name of both parents, civil status including information about husband/wife and all name changes (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English
 - If previously married or widowed:
Certified copy of divorce certificate (*Avioeropäätös*) **and** an *Extract from the population information system in Finland* with information about the date of divorce or an *Extract from the population information system in Finland with the date of death from former husband/wife* in English
 - Passport copy (pages with personal data and signature)
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Divorce

- Certified copy of divorce certificate (*Avioeropäätös*) and an *Extract from the population information system in Finland* with information about the date of divorce
 - If applicable confirmation of change of name (*Extract from the population information system in Finland* in English with information about the name change)
 - Form *Questionnaire concerning divorce* (www.eda.admin.ch/nordischestaaten)
 - Passport copy (pages with personal data and signature)
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Death

- Death certificate (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English **and** a legalized copy of the confirmation from the doctor or hospital (*Kuolintodistus*)
 - If the deceased person owned a Swiss passport or identity card, the documents must be returned for cancellation.
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Change of name

- Confirmation of change of name (*Extract from the population information system in Finland* in English with information regarding the name change)
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Where to obtain the documents

The Apostille and all documents except the certificate of divorce can be ordered at the **Maistraatti**.

Divorce certificate (*Avioeropäätös*)

➔ Court *Käräjäoikeus*

For additional information, please contact the Regional Consular Center Nordic and Baltic Countries in Stockholm.