



Factsheet – Divorce in Samoa

Please note: an Apostille is required on all civil status certificates and court documents from the following countries of our consular district: the Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Niue.

To register your divorce with this Embassy and the authorities in Switzerland, you will need to submit the following documents:

- The original “Order for Dissolution of Marriage” with Apostille or a certified copy of the same with Apostille, issued within the last 6 months by the Court which granted the order, with mention of date order made and date order sealed;
- Form “[Divorce or Dissolution of Civil Union](#)” signed by both parties within the last 6 months (with place and date);
- If applicable, the original Custody Order for your children with Apostille or a certified copy of the same with Apostille, issued within the last 6 months by the Court which granted the custody, with mention of date order made and date order sealed

Please note that the above-mentioned documents will be sent to Switzerland for registration and cannot be returned to you.

Civil status certificates issued in a different country will be sent for legalisation and translation to the competent Swiss Embassy or Consulate. In some cases, this process is subject to a fee and can take several weeks. In some cases additional documents may be required.

Where to obtain the Apostille?

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
PO Box L1859
Apia
Samoa
Website: www.govt.ws
Email: mfa@mfat.gov.ws
Phone: +685 21 171 / +685 25 313

Where to send the documents?

Embassy of Switzerland
10 Customhouse Quay
P.O. Box 25004
Wellington 6146
New Zealand

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