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How can I use a French civil registration document abroad?

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To use a French civil registration document abroad, you must request a translation or produce a multilingual extract.

A plurilingual extract is an act of civil status whose entries are translated into the official language of another country. It may be requested for the following countries:

- Germany
- Republic of North Macedonia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia
- Bulgaria
- Republic of Cape Verde
- Croatia
- Spain
- Estonia
- Greece
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- Turkey

You must contact the town hall which must issue the certificate of civil status, stating that you want a multilingual formula. Delivery is free.

If the foreign country does not accept the multi-lingual version of the civil registration document, you must have it translated by an authorized translator. The list of authorized translators is displayed in the town hall. The translation costs extra. Prices are free.

Statute and miscellaneous references

Decree No. 2007-1205 of 10 August 2007 on the powers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassadors to legalize acts

- (<http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006056773>)

Circular of 23 July 2014 on civil registration (PDF - 249.4 KB)

- (http://circulaire.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2014/07/cir_38565.pdf)

Additional topics

Website of the International Civil Registration Commission (ICCS)

- (<http://www.ciec1.org/>)

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