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French Naturalization: what justification if you are divorced or widowed?

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If you are divorced or widowed, you must provide **supporting documents** to make a application for french naturalization (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2213?lang=en>) .

Depending on your situation, prepare the following supporting documents:

You are divorced

You must provide the following:

- Divorce decision or act of repudiation, and proof of the finality of the divorce or repudiation
- Documents of the various marriages and proof of their dissolution: legal separation decision or non-conciliation order or divorce decision or act of repudiation and proof of the finality of the divorce or repudiation.

You broke your Civil partnerships

You must provide a **proof of dissolution of Civil partnerships**.

You are a widower

You must provide the death certificate (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1444?lang=en>) of your spouse.

One **simulator** allows to have the **custom list of documents to be provided**. However, depending on your situation, **other documents may be requested**.

What documents are required for my naturalization file? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/simulateur/calcul/Naturalisation>)

[Know the instructions concerning the documents \(copy or original, translation...\)](#) ^

To be accepted, documents attached to a application for french naturalization (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2213?lang=en>) must comply with the following rules:

Deed of civil status

One deed of civil status must be provided in full and in original in the language of the country of origin.

A French civil status document must be issued within 3 months.

A copy of a foreigner civil status document must be accompanied, if necessary, by a copy of the decision in execution of which it has been drawn up, rectified or amended.

Copy or original of a document

You can provide copies of the requested documents with the exception of civil status documents.

However, you must be able to present the originals of the documents if necessary.

A copy of a foreigner act must be accompanied, if necessary, by a copy of the decision in implementation of which it has been drawn up, rectified or amended.

Translation

You must attach a French translation of each document written in a foreign language. You must provide the original translation. The translation must be done by a certified translator (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12956?lang=en>) or authorized to intervene with the judicial or administrative authorities of another European country. If you are abroad, contact the French Embassy or Consulate for a list of accredited translators.

The translation of a **multilingual extract of a birth certificate or marriage certificate in which one of the languages is French** is not necessary for a person of full age.

In addition, to avoid having to translate certain documents issued by the European Union, one **multilingual form** can be joined. Consult the e-justice site (https://e-justice.europa.eu/topics/taking-legal-action/european-judicial-atlas-civil-matters/public-documents_fr?clang=fr) for further information.

Legalization or Apostille

Certain documents issued abroad must be legalized (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1402?lang=en>) or apostilled to be accepted in France. Ask the French embassy or consulate in the country concerned for legalization, and the embassy or consulate of the country concerned for the apostille.

On the same subject

French naturalization by decree (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2213>)

Reinstatement into French nationality by decree (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2214>)

Who can help me?

Find who can answer your questions in your region

Naturalization platforms

<https://www.immigration.interieur.gouv.fr/Integration-et-Acces-a-la-nationalite/La-nationalite-francaise/Acces-a-la-nationalite-francaise-carte-interactive-des-plateformes-et-modalites-de-depot>

Statute and miscellaneous references

Decree No. 93-1362 of 30 December 1993 on declarations of nationality, decisions on naturalization, reintegration, loss, forfeiture and withdrawal of French nationality (<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/id/JORFTEXT000000699753?lang=en>)

Online services and forms

What documents are required for my naturalization file? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R64540?lang=en>)

Simulateur

Online application for French naturalization or reintegration into French nationality

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R60835?lang=en>)

Online service

Application for acquisition of French nationality by naturalization or reintegration

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/R16995?lang=en>)

Formulaire

FAQ

Translation of a document: how to find a certified translator?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12956?lang=en>)

French naturalization: what proof of civil status and nationality?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34741?lang=en>)

French naturalization: what proof of residence to provide?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34745?lang=en>)

French naturalization: what proof of income and taxes?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34746?lang=en>)

French Naturalization: what justifications if you live as a couple?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34758?lang=en>)

French Naturalization: what evidence for minor children?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34764?lang=en>)

French nationality: how to justify your level in French? (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F11926?lang=en>)

Additional topics

French nationality (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N111?lang=en>)

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Deeds of civil status (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N359?lang=en>)

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