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A notification of a divorce should be made at a city, ward, town or village office.

Foreign nationals living in Japan should make a notification of a divorce in accordance with the Family Register Law when you divorce in Japanese style.

A divorce should be reported to the government of the individual's nationality. For information on procedures, consult the relevant embassy or consulate.

The conditions for the conclusion of a divorce vary according to the country.

(1) Notification period: Voluntary (Within 10 days after the conclusion of a divorce by arbitration, reconciliation, cognovits, judgment or court ruling)

(2) Notification applicant: Husband and wife (for divorces by arbitration, the petitioner)

(3) Notification place: The city, ward, town or village office where the address of either the husband or wife is or where either family register is.(When the spouse is a Japanese national)

In Nishinomiya City it is:

Nishinomiya City Hall, Civic Affairs Division (Nishinomiya Shiyakusho, Shimin-ka) 0798-35-3128

It is also possible to report to each Branch Office, Civic Service Centers (both excluding Sat, Sun and holidays), or ACTA Nishinomiya Civic Service Station.

(4) Required documents:

1. Notification of a Divorce Form (Rikon Todoke Sho)

This is available at city, ward, town or village offices. And when it is a divorce by consent, it must have the signature of two adult witnesses

2. Certificate of family register for all items (Japanese Nationals)

3. Identification of one's nationality Passport, etc.

4. Documents which can verify the marriage (in the case of foreign couples)

5. Identity verification (Driver's License, Passport, etc.)

6. A copy of mediation certificate (reconciliation, cognovits) or judgment documents and final certificate (Necessary for only the divorce in the court. In this case, an attester and signature for the report are not necessary.)

Note The authorities responsible for applications, procedures, services and the naming of these may vary.

For details, ask a person who understands Japanese to enquire for you.

Of those who is the spouse of a mid-to-long term resident and staying in Japan with the status of "Dependent", Designated Activities (Clause Ha), "Spouse of a Japanese National, etc.", or "Spouse of a Permanent Resident, etc.", it is necessary to notify the Regional Immigration Bureau or notify by mail to the Tokyo Immigration Bureau within 14 days in the event of divorce or the death of the spouse. Please enquire to the Immigration Bureau in your district for the application procedures.