

# Supreme Court of the Canton of Zurich

## International Legal Assistance

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### **About the Department of International Legal Assistance**

The Department of International Legal Assistance at the Supreme Court of the Canton of Zurich represents the central authority for legal assistance in civil and commercial matters within the canton (state) of Zurich. The department is responsible for entering, checking, and the transmission of foreign requests for legal assistance, the coordination of legal proceedings between the canton of Zurich and foreign countries, and ensuring support for local authorities (primarily the chambers of the Supreme Court and the cantonal district courts) for the execution of requests for legal assistance abroad.

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Status requests by parties or their representatives should in general be submitted to the authorities which are responsible for a specific case. Those competent authorities will then contact our department if necessary. Information by phone is only provided to official authorities or authorized representatives.

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