



VISA APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE IN SWITZERLAND OR TAKING UP RESIDENCY AFTER MARRIAGE WITH A SWISS CITIZEN

The competent authorities in Switzerland are responsible for issuing entry permits for the purpose of taking up residency after marriage with a Swiss citizen. The decision process takes between 8-12 weeks. The following procedure is required:

The application has to be submitted at the visa counter at one of our representations by appointment from Monday to Friday in the morning (except on Chinese and Swiss public holidays).

Appointments must be made through the company VFS Global: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/chn/en/che>

If you decide to get married in Switzerland, you can apply for the visa at the same time as you come to the Embassy to sign the „Application for preparatory procedure for marriage“.

If you are already married to a Swiss citizen according to Chinese law, you first of all have to register the marriage in the civil status register at the place of origin of your Swiss spouse.

Please refer to the consular webpage:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/china/en/home/services/zivstand/heirat-eingetragene-partnerschaft/nach-heirat-partnerschaft-ausland.html>

Non-compliance with the set guidelines (items not presented, photocopies missing, etc.) will lead to the application being rejected. Thank you for your cooperation.

Following documents in English, French, German or Italian are required:

- National passport or official travel document valid for more than 3 months beyond the validity of the requested visa, with at least two blank pages
- 3x copy of the passport including the signature page
- 3x **visa D** application form (**application for national visa for stays of more than 90 days**), duly completed and signed by the applicant. The form can be downloaded on the website: <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>
- 4x coloured passport photo undamaged, of recent date, white background, size 3.5 cm x 4.0 cm
- Visa fee as published on the website. The amount is equivalent to EUR 90 for adults
- Any other documentation you consider relevant to your application
- The cantonal migration authorities may ask for additional documents

The application will be forwarded to the competent Swiss authorities for their decision (8-12 weeks).

On receipt of the authorization, the applicant has to contact the Embassy/Consulate General directly by e-mail:

Beijing: beijing.visa@eda.admin.ch

Shanghai: shanghai.visa@eda.admin.ch

Guangzhou: guangzhou.visa@eda.admin.ch