



Death in Ethiopia: entry in the Swiss civil status register

September 2022

Documents to submit

- original death certificate** (issued by the Vital Events Registration Agency)
- Swiss identity documents of the deceased** (passport and identity card). The voided documents can be returned for commemorative purposes if the family requests this when submitting them.
- contact information** for reaching a member of the surviving family

All documents must be submitted as **originals** upon appointment and should not be older than six months. Photocopies are not accepted. Certificates issued once only (e.g. death certificate) will be returned after the verification. Additional documents may be required if necessary. Please e-mail or call the consular section of the Embassy to arrange an appointment.

Translation

All documents written in Amharic, Oromia or Tigrinya need to be translated into German, French, Italian or English by one of the Embassy's officially recognized translation offices (see list [here](#)).

Make sure the information on the documents is correct. Names in Amharic, Oromia, Tigrinya and English have to be written the same way on each document, including the passport.

Legalization

All foreign civil status documents and court decisions must be legalised before being submitted to the Swiss representation by the

**Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Addis Ababa**

Fees

Entry of the death in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

Further information

The Embassy of Switzerland and the cantonal civil status authorities reserve the right to request further documents.