



## After your marriage/partnership performed in Finland: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

- Marriage certificate\*** (*Certificate of marriage / Vihkimistodistus*), not older than six months.  
The document must contain the **place of marriage**. Please note that the actual marriage certificate is required and **not the extract** from the population register with the same name, which can be ordered from the Digital and Population Data Services Agency. **This document does not indicate the place of marriage.**
- Form** «Questionnaire concerning marriage» (see <https://www.eda.admin.ch/finland> , Services – Civil status affairs – Marriage/registered partnership – After your marriage/partnership performed abroad).

#### For the Swiss partner:

- Extract from the population information system in Finland\*** in English, not older than six months.  
The document must contain the following – Personal data, new civil status, incl. personal data from the partner and address.
- Certificate** regarding **change of name and surnames\*** The above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland must also contain the change of name with the following information - former name or surnames, date of change of name).
- A **copy of the Swiss passport** (page with personal data and signature).

#### For the Finnish partner:

- Birth certificate\*** in English, not older than six months.
- Certificate\*** regarding **civil status** (single, divorced, widowed) and **residence before** the marriage (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English, not older than six months. The document must contain the following – Personal data, new civil status, incl. personal data from the partner (marriage number) previous partner (if applicable) and address.
  - If **divorced**, additionally a divorce certificate\* (*Avioeropäätös*). *The date of legal effect must also be mentioned on the above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland.*
  - If **widowed**, additional the personal data from the deceased partner incl. date of death must be mentioned on the above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland.
- Certificate** regarding **change of name and surnames\*** The above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland must also contain the change of name with the following information - former name or surnames, date of change of name).
- A **copy of the Finnish passport** (page with personal data and signature).

If an entry already exists in the Swiss civil status register, certain documents may no longer be required.

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The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and must **not be older than six months**. They will not be returned. Photocopies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

All documents and certificates must be submitted **as originals** (exception: copies of the passports).

All **Finnish documents\*** must be legalized with an **apostille (see legalization)**.

## Translation

Documents in English, German, French or Italian are accepted.

## Legalisation

All Finnish documents (marked with \*) must be certified with **an apostille**.

In Finland, apostilles are issued by the Digital and Population Data Services Agency [www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en](http://www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en).

## Fees

Entry of the marriage/partnership abroad in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

## Further information

If civil status documents do not come from Finland or Switzerland, please contact the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm beforehand. Depending on the origin of the documents, different regulations apply and the processing can take more time.

Please be informed that civil status affairs have to be registered chronologically in the Swiss Civil Register.

All submitted documents and certificates will be verified and sent to the competent authorities in Switzerland for registration in the Swiss Civil Register. A delay of **at least two months** is to be expected until the marriage is registered. After this period, the [civil status office](#) responsible for the Swiss national's place of origin can provide information on the status of the registration and issue certificates (such as family certificate or confirmation of marriage) upon request. The Regional Consular Centre informs the involved person by email, as soon as the civil status authorities decided about the inscription in the Register.

Only after the completed registration of marriage and possible change of name in the Swiss Civil Register, an application for a Swiss passport and/or Identity card may be submitted. You may file such an application through the website [www.schweizerpass.ch](http://www.schweizerpass.ch). (Passport and identity card for Swiss citizens living abroad > online application).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm by e-mail or telephone.

## Where to obtain the documents

Marriage certificate

→ At the place of marriage

Certificate of civil status and residence (Extract from the population information system in Finland)

→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency

Certificate of divorce (*Avioeropäätös*)

→ At the competent court