



Death in Latvia: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Original **death certificate*** (Miršanas apliecība).
- 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. Please mention the exact address to which the documents should be returned.
- Contact information of a family member.

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

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be accompanied by a **notarized translation** (in German, French or Italian).

Legalisation

All **Latvian civil status documents (marked with *)** must be legalised with an apostille before being submitted to the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm.

In Latvia, the notaries (Council of Sworn Notaries of Latvia, www.latvijasnotars.lv) issue apostilles.

Fees

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

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Further information

If civil status documents do not come from Latvia 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 four weeks** is to be expected until the death is registered. If necessary, the survivors/heirs can order a family certificate (or the like) to be used for all official matters in Switzerland (banks, pension funds, inheritance, and so on). The certificate is issued by the [civil status office](#) responsible for the deceased's place of origin.

Where to obtain the documents

Death certificate (Miršanas apliecība)

→ Online (<https://latvija.lv/>) or at the civil status office (Pašvaldību) at the place of death

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