



Marriage to be performed in Switzerland

April 2022

Documents to submit to your Swiss representation

An appointment is required for this procedure. It is **indispensable** to contact us to make an appointment:
mexicocity@eda.admin.ch

**A) The person residing in Belize must present the following documents at the Embassy:
Of the bride / groom living in Switzerland:**

- Passport: 2 photocopies of the page with personal data.
- Name and location of the civil registry for the celebration of the marriage in Switzerland.

In case of not being a Swiss citizen, additionally:

- Birth certificate: 2 photocopies.
If the names of the parents are not legible, please write them on a separate sheet of paper.
- Swiss residence permit: 2 photocopies.

Of the bride / groom living in Belize:

- Birth certificate, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy;
or copy certified by the civil registry, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.
If the names of the parents are not legible, please write them on a separate sheet of paper.

- Passport: Original + 2 photocopies of the page with personal data.

- Affidavit, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.

Made before a notary public on a date as close as possible to the appointment, regarding the applicant's marital status and domicile at this moment.

In case of being divorced:

- Divorce certificate, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy;
or marriage certificate with annotation of divorce, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.

In case of having minor children now:

- Divorce decree, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.

In case of being a widow/widower:

- Death certificate of the deceased, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.

B) The person residing in Switzerland has to follow these steps:

- Go personally to the civil registry office of the residence community in Switzerland, which is the competent one for the application for the preparation of the marriage, once the documentation of the person resident in Belize has arrived.
- Fill out the application and the declaration regarding the conditions of the marriage (2 forms).

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. The procedure can take **up to 3 months**. The civil status authority is responsible for the **registration of the surname**, for which the data of the Belizean birth certificate is generally used. It is not allowed to enter Switzerland for the purpose of taking up residence without the possession of a visa, which requires the **authorization of the competent cantonal migration office**. The visa process is usually done **simultaneously** with the marriage preparation. For more information on the visa process, please visit our website in the section of National visas over 90 days. --> [Family reunification visa](#)

Apostille

All Belizean certificates must carry an APOSTILLE.

The apostille must be ordered in the corresponding Belizean office.

Fees

The cost of the procedure is CHF 300,- plus postage and handling, to be paid in **cash** in local (Mexican) currency MXN, at the counter on the day of the appointment.

Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Telephone service:

Monday to Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 15:00

Friday from 9:00 to 12:00

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