



Birth of a child in Nigeria (out of wedlock) Entry in the Swiss civil status register

Documents to submit

The original documents (except Birth Certificate) will be submitted to the responsible civil status authority concerned in Switzerland. They will not be returned. Copies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

From the child:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of Birth	Original, issued by the National Population Commission (NPC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affidavit of paternity	sworn by the biological father, issued by a High Court or Magistrate Court
<input type="checkbox"/>	valid Nigerian passport	

From the mother / father living in Nigeria:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth documents	<p><u>If birth was registered before the 18th birthday:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificate of Birth, issued by a National Population Commission (NPC) <p><u>If birth was not registered before the 18th birthday:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Declaration of Age (**) sworn by a <u>parent</u> at a High Court or Magistrate Court, not older than 6 months (<i>mention names + first names of both parents!</i>) and ➤ Attestation of Birth issued by the National Population Commission (NPC), not older than 6 months <p>⇒ <i>The Declaration of Age and the Attestation of Birth have to be issued in the same state.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate of bachelor/spinsterhood or Affidavit (**) of bachelor/spinsterhood	<p>issued by the City/Town Local Government of the (former) place of residence, not older than 6 months</p> <p>sworn by the applicant at the High Court or Magistrate Court of the (former) place of residence, not older than 6 months</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ <i>if the person is already married, the document has to state that the applicant has been a spinster/bachelor until the (date of the marriage), when the marriage with (name of spouse) took place.</i> ⇒ <i>if applicant is living abroad: sworn by a parent.</i>

		<p>If the applicant is divorced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Divorce Decree (Decree Nisi & Certificate of Decree Nisi having become absolute) issued by the High Court with the date of validity ➤ If marriage was celebrated under Customary law, an “Enrolment of Judgement” issued by the High Court must be submitted <p>If the applicant is a widow/er:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marriage Certificate of former marriage ➤ Death Certificate of the former spouse
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Certificate of Address <i>or</i> Affidavit (**) of Address</p>	<p>issued by the City/Town Local Government of the (former) place of residence, not older than 6 months.</p> <p>sworn by the applicant at the High Court or Magistrate Court of the (former) place of residence, not older than 6 months ⇒ <i>if applicant is living abroad: sworn by a parent</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Certificate of Origin <i>or</i> Affidavit (**) of Origin</p>	<p>issued by the City/Town Local Government of the applicant’s place of origin, not older than 6 months.</p> <p>indicating the applicant’s name, date of birth, the community local government, State of Origin and name of parents, not older than 6 months.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	valid Nigerian passport	<i>or NIN if passport not available</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Questionnaire for the verification of civil status documents	

From the father / mother living in Switzerland:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport copy and Swiss residence permit copy (for non-Swiss citizens)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of Certificate of residence of the parent living in Switzerland	(Wohnsitzbestätigung/Certificat de domicile) <i>If available / if applicable</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of Swiss Family Certificate	(Zivilstandsbestätigung / Certificat d’état civil / Personenstandsausweis / Familienausweis) <i>if available</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Questionnaire for the verification of civil status documents	<i>if the person was born in Nigeria</i>

Thorough verification

Nigerian civil status documents will undergo a thorough verification of their authenticity by a law firm mandated by the Embassy. Additional documents may be required, depending on the result of the verification by the lawyer or the requirements of the authorities concerned in Switzerland.

The verification of the documents through the lawyer may take up to 4 months.

Fees

The fees for this procedure vary (depending on the exchange rate). Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja to enquire about the current fees.