



After your marriage performed in the Philippines: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

The following documents must submit in **original** with one photocopy:

- Original Marriage Certificate** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) with Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), not older than six months.
- Copy of the valid passport under married name**
- Information sheet** filled in (to be sent by the Swiss Embassy)

The original documents will be sent to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and 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 translated.

Transmission of documents

Personal appearance is not required. You may send the documents to the Embassy via courier such as LBC.

Thorough verification

The Embassy will verify the Philippine documents with the local competent authority before legalizing them and transmitting them to the competent civil status office in Switzerland.

Depending on the result of the expertise or on the requirements of the competent authorities in Switzerland, the Embassy may require additional verification through an external service and request additional documents and fees.

This process can take **3 to 4 months**, and the competent civil status authority is not bound by the outcome of the review when making its decision.

Fees

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

Further information

- List of translators can be found on our official webpage:
<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/philippines/en/home/services/uebersetzer.html>