



Birth of a child in Mozambique to parents married to each other: entry in the Swiss civil status register

July 2022

Documents to submit

- Original birth certificate*** (Assento de nascimento/certidão de narrativa completa do registo de nascimento) issued by the “Conservatória do Registo Civil” of the main town in the district where the child was born (for **legalization** see rubric “Legalization”)
- Photocopy of Mozambican passport of child, if available
- Photocopy of Swiss Passport or ID Card of Swiss parent
- Photocopy of Passport or ID Card of Mozambique parent
- Questionnaire, completed and signed by both parents

The **original certificates** are submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and will not be returned. **Photocopies or certified copies are not accepted.** Additional documents may be required if necessary.

All documents marked with a * **must not be older than six months** (date of issue) at the time of their submission to the Regional Consular Centre (RCC).

Translation

Documents that are not in English must be translated into a Swiss national language (German, French, Italian or Romansch).

Legalization

The documents marked with * must be first legalized by the Ministry of Justice (Ministério da Justiça, Direcção dos Registos e Notariado) and then by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros e Cooperação – MINEC).

Ministério da Justiça

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Fees

Entry of the birth in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge, however in certain cases fees can occur. If this is the case, you will be informed accordingly.

Further information

If the documents are sent by mail: Please include a cover letter mentioning your personal and contact details. It is however strongly recommended to use a private courier company.

Only once the birth of the child has been registered in Switzerland and the nationality of the child has been confirmed, parents can apply for a Swiss passport for their child.

Please contact the Regional Consular Centre Southern Africa (RCC) at the Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria if **the birth took place outside of Mozambique.**

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