



## Death in Thailand: entry in the Swiss civil status register

September 2022

### Documents to submit

- Original of the death certificate** (*Thor.Ror. 5, Part 1*) or **extract of death register** (*Thor.Ror. 4/Gor*) including legalization by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand
  - The death certificate will be issued by the responsible Amphoe (district office) or a Tesaban (municipality office).
- Translation of the death certificate** to English or a Swiss national language
- Swiss passport** and/or **Swiss Identity card** of the deceased (document will be returned to the relatives after cancellation)

All original certificates and documents can be handed in during [opening hours](#) (with prior [appointment](#)) and by post.

### Translation

Documents in Thai must be translated into German, French, Italian or English. A list of possible translation agencies can be found on the following website:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/thailand/en/home/services/translations.html>

### Legalisation

An authorized person has to bring the original death certificate or the extract of death register to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the legalization. The authorized person will need to prove the relationship to the deceased (e.g. marriage certificate or confirmation issued by the Embassy). If a third person or an organization will obtain the legalization, an authorization letter issued by the Embassy or the relatives of the deceased will also be required.

The Ministry of Foreign of Thailand is located at the following addresses:

<b>Legalization service in Bangkok:</b> Department of Consular Affairs Legalization Division 3rd Floor, Consular Affairs Building Chaeng Wattana Rd. Lak Si, Bangkok Tel. 02 575 1058 / 02 575 1060 Fax 02 575 1054 OR	<b>Legalization Division at Metro mall in Klong Toei MRT Station (Bangkok)</b> Tel. 02 103 1631 Fax 02 103 1632 OR <b>MBK Center Bangkok</b> Passport office Pathum Wan 5th Floor, Zone A Mon - Fri 10:00 – 15:30 hrs. (except public holidays) Tel. 02 126 7616 Fax 02 126 7613
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Lumphini, Pathum Wan  
Bangkok 10330  
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[bangkok.cc@eda.admin.ch](mailto:bangkok.cc@eda.admin.ch)  
[www.eda.admin.ch/bangkok](http://www.eda.admin.ch/bangkok)

<p><b>Legalization service in Ubon Ratchathani:</b></p> <p>Ubon Ratchathani City Hall  Passport office  1st Floor at the back of the west side  Ubon Ratchathani  Tel. 045 344 581 to 82  Fax 045 344 646</p>	<p><b>Legalization service in Phuket:</b></p> <p>Central Phuket Festival, B Floor  Passport office  Mon - Fri 10:00 – 15:30 hrs. (except public holidays)  Tel. 076 222 080 to 81  Fax 080 222 082</p>
<p><b>Legalization service in Chiang Mai:</b></p> <p>Chiang Mai International Exhibition and Convention Center  Ruang Phueng 2 Building  Chang Phueak, Mueang  Chiang Mai 50300  Tel. 053 112 291  Fax 053 112 746</p>	<p><b>Legalization service in Songkhla:</b></p> <p>Government Center Songkhla  Ratchadamnoen Road, Bo Yang,  Mueang, Songkhla 90000  Mon - Fri 8:30 – 15:30 hrs.  (except public holidays)  Tel. 074 326 510</p>

## Further information

### **Funeral/Cremation**

The funeral/cremation can be organized by a private person. There is also the possibility to engage a funeral home. Please ask for an offer beforehand. The embassy works usually together with following company

AsiaONE by Teck Hong Funeral (THF Co. Ltd.)

No. 7, THF Building, Chan Road Soi 46, Wat Phrayakrai, Bangkholaem, Bangkok 10120, Tel. +66 2 675 05 01 oder Tel. +66 2 675 05 02, Fax +66 2 675 22 27 oder Fax +66 2 675 19 21 [info@asiaone-thf.com](mailto:info@asiaone-thf.com)

Siam Funeral Co.,Ltd

30/21 Village No. 6 , Klongsi , Klongluang, Pathumthani 12120, THAILAND

Tel: +662 9027907, Fax +662 9027906

Cell: +6686 7770214 (Englisch) +6688 5982659 (Deutsch& Englisch)

[siamfuneral@gmail.com](mailto:siamfuneral@gmail.com)

[www.siamfuneral.com](http://www.siamfuneral.com)

### **Certificate of body release**

The local authorities usually need a «certificate of body release» from the Embassy to retrieve the body from the hospital. In order to issue this document a confirmation of the bereaved has to be sent to the embassy indicating to whom the body can be released. This document has to be signed and sent together with a photocopy of the passports or identity card by email. If a funeral home has been assigned, they will take care of this certificate

### **Fortune / Inheritance in Thailand**

There is no public authority in Thailand in charge of managing the assets of a deceased person. The legal heirs or the concerned parties have to ask the Court to appoint an administrator for the inheritance, usually a lawyer, to arrange the assets and all necessary formalities concerned. The duty of the administrator is to allot the assets in accordance with the article 1629 of the Civil and Commercial Code (CCC). Per local customs, there is no need to appoint any administrator, if no assets of the deceased are available in Thailand. Moreover, it would be impossible to define a competent court.

If no heir is living in the host country (i. e. Thailand), it would be recommended to manage the assets according to the law of the deceased's country of origin, in conformity with the article 87 of the "Federal act on international private law (Legge federale sul diritto internazionale private, LDIP)". In this case, the competent jurisdiction is the court of the place of origin of the deceased.

### **Widow's pension**

If the deceased was registered at the Embassy, the Federal Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance OASI will be informed directly of its death. On the following link Form 318.000.2 the spouse can apply for a Survivors pension. Once the document filled out and signed, it can be sent to our Embassy for transmission to the OASI.