



Birth in The Bahamas Registration in Switzerland

Documents submitted must be **originals**, unless otherwise noted, and **must be issued within the last 6 months**. Civil status certificates can be obtained from [The Registrar General's Department](#) and **must be authenticated and apostilled by the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Consular Division](#)**.

Photocopies, scans, faxes or certified copies of the original documents are not accepted. Please note that the original documents sent to the Swiss authorities will not be returned to you.

Married parents (Marriage already registered with the Swiss authorities. If not, please see [Marriage Registration](#))

- Child's Birth Certificate (Certified Copy of Entry in Register of Births) with the Apostille
- If available, a copy of the child's foreign passport

Unmarried parents

- Child's Birth Certificate (Certified Copy of Entry in Register of Births) with the Apostille
- If available, a copy of the child's foreign passport
- [Affidavit](#) by the parents of the child

For the non-Swiss parent:

- Birth Certificate (Certified Copy of Entry in Register of Births) with the Apostille (if born in another country, please check with the Swiss Representation of that country for further information ***)
- Passport copy (pages with personal data and signature)
- If previously married or widowed:
 - Divorce decree with the date of enforcement / Death Certificate

*** Civil Status Documents from other countries

Foreign civil status documents must be legalized by the Swiss diplomatic or consular representation responsible for that state. The requirements are very different from one country to another. To find out which documents will have to be submitted, please consult the webpage of the competent Swiss representation: [Swiss diplomatic and consular representations](#)

Did you tick all the applicable boxes above? If so, please contact the Consulate of Switzerland in Nassau at nassau@honrep.ch to make an appointment to hand in this list along with all the required documents.

For further information, please visit the website.