



Registration of a marriage held in Bhutan

General Information

- Marriage documents need to be submitted to the Embassy of Switzerland in New Delhi. Please request an appointment by email (newdelhi.etatcivil@eda.admin.ch).
- Only original documents will be accepted. Laminated documents are not accepted.
- The original documents issued in Dzongkha need to be translated in English as well.
- All civil status documents must not be older than six months. If you are unable to provide a recently issued document, please get in touch with us.
- Special attention has to be given to the names. Full names have to be written on the certificates. Abbreviations of names are not accepted. The name of one person should be the same on all the documents submitted.
- To cover the consular and visa fees, an advance payment of INR 30'000 (CHF 350.- if paid in Switzerland) has to be made by demand draft, issued in the name of "Embassy of Switzerland New Delhi". You will receive a detailed account statement upon completion of the procedure and the remaining balance will be reimbursed.
- The interview will be held in a German, French or in English. Applicants who are unable to communicate in any of these languages are requested to bring along a certified translator.

Timeline

Once your file is complete, it will be forwarded to Switzerland within 2-3 weeks and the marriage will be registered in the Swiss central civil registry. Please note that if you wish to take up residence with your partner in Switzerland, you will also need to file an application for a national visa D at the Swiss representation. Your application will be processed at the cantonal migration office of your future place of residence in Switzerland. The estimated processing time for a visa D is 3 months.

Please submit the following documents in original:

Bride	Groom	Document
<input type="checkbox"/>		Application for Marriage Registration Form available on the website or with the Swiss representation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Original Birth Certificate , not older than 6 months, issued by the Royal Government of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, with the names of child and both parents (full names) in English
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unmarried certificate (confirming the civil status <u>before</u> the marriage), not older than 6 months, issued by the Royal Court of Justice in Dzongkha with an English translation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domicile certificate , not older than 6 months, issued by the Ministry of Home & Cultural Affairs, Department of Civil Registration & Census in Dzongkha with an English translation
<input type="checkbox"/>		Marriage certificate / Affirmation of marriage , issued by the Royal Court of Justice in Dzongkha with an English translation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marital status certificate for Swiss nationals (Personenstandsausweis / certificate individual d'état civil) (copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Police Clearance Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport (copy) Original has to be presented at the appointment (for perusal only).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Swiss residence permit (copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Passport sized photograph

Required legalizations

All documents **marked in gray** must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Thimphu.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Thimphu
Bhutan
<http://www.mfa.gov.bt/>

Important

Additional documents may be requested depending on the circumstances.