



Registration of a marriage concluded in India

Where to submit your documents

If the marriage took place in one of the following states of India, you need to submit your documents personally at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Mumbai.

Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry

If the marriage took place in any other state of India, the Embassy of Switzerland in New Delhi will process your marriage documents. Please visit their website: www.eda.admin.ch/newdelhi

General Information

- Marriage documents need to be submitted in person at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Mumbai. Please request an appointment by email to mumbai.civilstatus@eda.admin.ch.
- Only original documents will be accepted. Laminated documents are not accepted.
- If the documents are not issued in English language, please provide an English translation by a certified translator.
- All Indian 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 on the birth certificates, marriage certificates and affidavits. 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 different documents submitted.
- All Indian civil status documents have to be legalised by the Home Ministry of the state where the certificate had been issued. Thereafter they have to be legalized with an Apostil by the Ministry of External Affairs. To find contact details of the Legalization/Apostil offices please click here: <https://www.mea.gov.in/apostille.htm>
- Please pay an advance of Rs. 70'000 at the moment of submitting your documents by demand draft. Demand drafts need to be issued in the name of "Consulate General of Switzerland". This amount will be used to cover the expenses for the voluntary verification of your documents, to cover the consular charges related to the legalization and translation of your documents and the visa fees (if any). The remaining balance will be returned to you. You will receive a detailed account statement upon completion of the marriage registration procedure.
- The interview will be held in a Swiss national language or in English. Applicants who are unable to communicate in any of these languages are requested to bring along a certified translator.

Timeline

After submitting the complete and correct set of documents, the voluntary verification procedure normally takes three months' time. Afterwards, your file will be forwarded to Switzerland and the marriage will be registered in the Swiss central civil status register. If you wish to join your partner in Switzerland to live together, the procedure will take another three months during which your visa application file will be processed at the cantonal migration office of your future place of residence.



Documents required from the foreign partner living in India

Marriage Certificate

In English, issued by the marriage registrar, not older than 6 months, with full names of the partners. All religious marriages have to be registered at the marriage register before they will be accepted. Couples of mixed religion have to register their marriage under the "special marriage act".

Birth Certificate

in English, issued by the Registrar of Births, not older than 6 months, with the full names of the child and both parents. A Certificate of Baptism and/or a School Leaving Certificate will not be accepted. If the birth has not yet been registered, a "Late Registration Certificate" has to be obtained from the Registrar of Births.

Affidavit (proof of nationality, residence and civil status before the current marriage)

on a "Stamp Paper" issued by a Notary Public in charge for the place of your residence, indicating:

- Full names of the applicant
- Full names of parents and their place of residence (full address)
- Date and place of birth
- Nationality
- Your place of residence (full address) for the last six months
- Marital status - please chose among the following options:
unmarried and never legally married until (date of marriage) / widowed since... / divorced since...

A marital status declaration made by the parents or other family members is not accepted. The affidavit must be issued at the current place of residence of the applicant.

If marital status is widowed:

official death certificate, issued by the Registrar of Births & Deaths, with full particulars of the late spouse

If marital status is divorced:

original court order and divorce decree issued by the court which pronounced the divorce

If minor children are involved:

custody order issued by the court is required

Police Clearance Certificate

To be obtained from the local police station nearest to the place of residence of the applicant or the concerned passport office

Original Passport (for perusal only)

Questionnaire for verification of family status and marriage documents (enclosed)

Duly filled in and signed by both partners

Declaration concerning the voluntary verification for foreign civil status documents (enclosed)

to be signed by both partners

Visa application form D and supporting documents, in triplicate

Application form to download:

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/content/dam/data/sem/einreise/visumantragsformulare/visumantrag-visumd-en-de.pdf>

Checklist with required supporting documents to download:

https://www.eda.admin.ch/dam/countries/countries-content/india/en/visa/D-Checklist_Family_Reunification.pdf



Documents required from the Swiss partner – resident in Switzerland

Copy of the Swiss passport

Copy of proof of residence

(Wohnsitzbestätigung, Confirmation de résidence, conferma die residenza)

Copy of the marital status certificate

(Personenstandsausweis / certificate individuel d'état civil / certificato individuale di stato civile)

Documents required from the Swiss partner – resident in India and registered with the Consulate

Copy of the Swiss passport

Copy of the marital status certificate

(Personenstandsausweis / certificate individuel d'état civil / certificato individuale di stato civile)

Documents required from the foreign partner – resident in Switzerland or in a third country

Copy of the foreign passport

Copy of the Swiss residence permit if applicable (e.g. B- or C-Permit)

Birth Certificate

Please find specific information about the requirements, which your birth certificate has to meet, on the website of the Swiss Embassy/Consulate in charge for your country of birth.

Confirmation of registered civil status, issued by the civil status office at your place of residence in Switzerland

If marital status is widowed:

official death certificate, with full particulars of late spouse

If marital status is divorced:

original court order and/or divorce decree issued by the court which pronounced the divorce

If minor children are involved:

custody order issued by the court is required

Questionnaire for verification of family status and marriage documents (enclosed)

Duly filled in and signed by the spouse whose documents need verification

Declaration concerning the voluntary verification for foreign civil status documents (enclosed)

to be signed by both partners