



## Birth in Malaysia

Births abroad of children to Swiss nationals have to be reported to the responsible Swiss representation as soon as possible.

The child receives Swiss nationality through registration of the birth in the Swiss Civil Registry (Exception: if the child was born before 1 January 2006 to an unmarried Swiss father).

### Married parents

The following original documents have to be handed over or sent to this Regional Consular Center:

- ❖ New extract of the **birth certificate** of the child, not older than six months, issued by the "National Registration Department of Malaysia"
- ❖ **Foreign passport** of the child, if already existing
- ❖ Parents' passports

### Unmarried parents

The following original documents have to be handed over or sent to this Regional Consular Center:

- ❖ New extract of the **birth certificate** of the child, not older than six months, issued by the "National Registration Department of Malaysia"
  - If the father's information is mentioned on the certificate, no separate acknowledgment of paternity is required.
  - Otherwise, the child's father must sign a declaration of acknowledgment of paternity in front of the competent civil status officer in Switzerland after having previously submitted all documents to this Regional Consular Center.
- ❖ **Foreign passport** of the child, if already existing
- ❖ **Swiss passport** of the Swiss parent

For the Malaysian parent:

- ❖ **Malaysian passport**
- ❖ New extract of the **birth certificate**, not older than six months, issued by the "National Registration Department of Malaysia".
- ❖ Legalized copy of the **Malaysian identity card**
- ❖ **Certificate of civil status** ("single", "divorced" or "widow") at the time of the child's birth, not older than six months
  - Malaysian citizens obtain such document by the "National Registration Department of Malaysia"
    - If divorced, additionally the **divorce decree** (*Decree Nisi Absolute*) or **certificate of divorce**
    - If widowed, additionally the **death certificate** of the previous spouse
- ❖ **Certificates regarding changes of first and surnames** in case they were ever changed

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## Important information

All documents and certificates must be submitted as **originals** (exception: copies of the passports will be accepted for postal deliveries). Submission at the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok is possible during counter [opening hours](#) (without appointment) as well as by post. Certificates issued once only will be returned immediately.

The documents which are not already bilingual (Malaysian/English) require a **translation** into English, German, French or Italian by a translation office approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All documents from Malaysia and their translations must be **legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia** before being submitted to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok.

## Additional remarks

Malaysia does not distinguish between **first** and **last name**. The parents are therefore asked to provide the desired separation of the names of the child as well as of the Malaysian parent for the Swiss Civil Registry on a separate letter.

All submitted documents and certificates will be verified, legalized and sent to the competent authorities in Switzerland for registration in the Swiss Civil Registry. A delay of **at least two months** is to be expected until the birth is registered. After this period, the civil status office responsible for your place of origin can provide information on the status of the registration and issue certificates (such as confirmation of birth) upon request.

After completed registration of the birth in the Swiss Civil Registry, an application for a Swiss passport and/or identity card may be submitted. The parents may file such an application through the website [www.schweizerpass.ch](http://www.schweizerpass.ch).

If the Swiss parent is not registered with this Regional Consular Center as a Swiss abroad and the child will continue to live in Malaysia, **registration** of the child as a Swiss abroad is necessary. In such case, a completed registration form signed by both parents must also be submitted (see this representation's [website](#)).

The Regional Consular Center and the responsible Swiss authorities reserve the right to request further documents.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by e-mail or telephone.

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