



Birth of a child in Bhutan to parents married to each other: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- original birth certificate of your child, issued by the Royal Government of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, with the names of child and both parents (full names)
- if you have a Swiss family certificate/book and you would like to have it updated, please submit that too, in the original, to your representation.
- Passport copies of the parents

The original documents will be submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and must not be older than six months. They will not be returned. Photocopies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated in English.

Legalisation

All foreign civil status documents must be legalised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Thimphu before being submitted to the Swiss representation.

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

Fees

Entry of the birth in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

Further information

Once your file is complete, it will be forwarded to Switzerland within 2-3 weeks for the registration in the Swiss central civil registry. The decision if your child acquires the Swiss nationality by birth or not will be taken in Switzerland. Once the registration is done, you may apply for a Swiss passport on behalf of your child on www.schweizerpass.ch.