Civil Status

Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, and Territory of Nunavut

(birth, marriage, divorce, death and change of name)

In order to keep the family registers accurate and up-to-date, the Swiss authorities need to be informed about any changes in the civil status (birth, marriage, death, divorce and change of name) of Swiss citizens and dual nationals. When such changes occur, the persons concerned, or their nearest relatives, should send the appropriate document/s (birth, death, marriage, divorce and change of name certificates) to the competent Swiss representation.

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Marriage in Switzerland

This information is intended for all persons who wish to marry in Switzerland.

The performance of marriages in Switzerland is exclusively a function of the Swiss civil authorities. Only a civil marriage has legal status. A religious ceremony may be held, but only after the civil marriage. The civil marriage is performed at the Civil Registrar’s office (German: Zivilstandsamt; French: état civil, Italian: stato civile) of the respective town or city.

NOTE: Please contact the Civil Registrar’s office in the city where the marriage is to take place before commencing this procedure.

Required Documentation
All persons wishing to marry in Switzerland must visit the Consulate and present the following documents:

- A birth certificate* (long form, only required for foreign citizens, i.e. non-Swiss citizens), with your full name, date and place of birth, full parents’ names, including mother's maiden name. See page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices.
- A valid passport with your current family name and first name(s).
- An affidavit* (only required for foreign citizens), in one of the official Swiss languages (French, German or Italian), stating under oath that the person is free to marry, their names and address, date and place of birth, nationality. The document must be legalized by:
  - Ontario - The Ministry of Government services, Official documents services, 700 University Ave, 6th Floor, Toronto, ON, M7A 2S4, tel. 416-325-8416, fax 416 325 8434.
  - Manitoba - The Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public, 1034-405 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 3L6, tel. 204 945 2654, fax 204 945 1459.
  - Territory of Nunavut - please contact this Consulate General.

This Consulate General will then need to confirm the legalization.

- If divorced, the applicant must provide a certified copy of the divorce certificate* (in Ontario: Form B36) that states that the divorce is legally valid in the person’s country of domicile and shows the exact date when the judgment was entered into effect (filing date).
- If widowed, applicants must provide a death certificate of the deceased spouse, stating, if applicable, the first name (and maiden name) of previous spouse.
- If there was a change of name (i.e. name on birth certificate is not the same as name in passport):
  - an official change of name* certificate must be provided (see page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices)
  - or an affidavit stating under oath the change of name in one of the official Swiss languages (French, German or Italian). See above for the affidavit procedure.
For Swiss nationals: certificate of civil status (German: Personenstandsausweis, French: certificat individuel d'état civil, Italian: certificato individuale di stato civile)

To be ordered directly at the place of origin (German: Heimatort, French: lieu d'origine, Italian: luogo di attinenza) or through this Consulate General (fees will apply).

Application for marriage preparation (form 0.35 & 0.34A). These forms will be given to you during the appointment at this Consulate General.

Applicable fees are payable in cash, debit card or through money order on the day of the appointment.

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* Documents must have been issued within six months prior to the marriage.

Please note:
All documents should be filed with the Swiss representation at least 6-8 weeks prior to the marriage date.

It is therefore in the interest of the couple planning the marriage to refrain from fixing a date or making wedding arrangements prior to receiving clearance from the Civil Registrar that the marriage ceremony may take place. Please note that at any time, the competent Swiss Civil Registrar where the marriage will take place may ask for additional documents.

The Consulate General will not assume any responsibility for any financial loss or inconvenience caused by disregarding this advice.

The addresses of the Civil Registrar's in Switzerland can be obtained from the Consulate General of Switzerland, 1572 Doctor-Penfield Avenue, Montréal QC H3G 1C4, tel: 514 932 7181, mon.vertretung@eda.admin.ch

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Important

- Foreign residents in Canada who have a valid Canadian permanent resident card or a valid Canadian visa may apply for a visa in order to get married in Switzerland (https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/canada/en/home/visa/entry-residency/visa-switzerland.html)
  or
- Non-Swiss citizens who will take up residency in Switzerland after their marriage need to obtain an entry visa (https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/canada/en/home/visa/entry-residency/visa-switzerland.html). The entry visa will be processed on the day of your appointment.

Fees might apply for the visa application.
Marriage in Canada
Registration of the marriage in Switzerland

If you wish to get married in Canada, please contact the Canadian authorities, in order to obtain information about the documents you have to present.

In order to register your marriage with the Swiss authorities, the following documents have to be sent to this Consulate General, once the marriage has been celebrated:

- A marriage certificate*. (ON: certified copy of a marriage registration, called long form, MB: copy of the registration, NU: marriage certificate). These documents are normally available from the Registrar General. See page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices.

- A birth certificate* (long form, only required for non-Swiss citizens), with your full name, date and place of birth, full parents’ names, including mother’s maiden name. See page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices.

- If divorced, the applicant must provide a certified copy of the divorce certificate* (in Ontario: Form B36) that states that the divorce is legally valid in the person’s country of domicile and shows the exact date when the judgment was entered into effect (filing date).

- If widowed, applicants must provide a death certificate of the deceased spouse, stating, if applicable, the first name (and maiden name) of previous spouse

- A copy of your passport. If you have changed your name, please present a copy of the new passport bearing your family name after the marriage. Should you not have a passport, please present a copy of your driver’s licence.

- The form “Application for marriage registration/ or domestic partnership (same-sex couples) ...” (see page 5 or 6), completed, dated and signed.

- If there was a change of name (i.e. name on birth certificate is not the same as name on marriage certificate)
  - an official change of name* certificate must be provided (see page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices)
  or
  - an affidavit* stating under oath the change of name in one of the official Swiss languages (French, German or Italian). This document must be legalized by:
    
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    Territory of Nunavut - please contact this Consulate General.

- If you wish to have the original documents back, please enclose a self-addressed Xpresspost envelope (trackable) for their return.

* Documents presented must have been issued within the last six months.

Important

Non-Swiss citizens taking up residency in Switzerland after their marriage need to apply for a visa for family reunion. See https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/canada/en/home/visa/entry-residency/visa-switzerland.html. An entry visa (type D) will have to be processed. Fees might apply for the visa procedure.
Application for marriage registration with the authorities in Switzerland

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# Application for registration of a domestic partnership for same-sex couples with the Authorities in Switzerland

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Birth in Canada
Registration of the birth in Switzerland

In order to register the birth of your child with the Swiss authorities, the following documents have to be sent to this Consulate General:

Married parents

- **A birth certificate** of the child (long form), with full name, date and place of birth, full parents’ names, including mother’s maiden name. See page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices.

- **If you wish to have the original documents back, please enclose a self-addressed Xpresspost envelope (trackable) for their return.**

Unmarried parents

- **A birth certificate** of the child (long form), with full name, date and place of birth, full parents’ names, including mother’s maiden name, marital status and address for both parents. See page 13 for links of the registrar’s offices.

- **A birth certificate** of the parent that is not a Swiss citizen (long form), with full name, date and place of birth, full parents’ names, including mother’s maiden name. See page 13 for links of the registrar’s offices.

- **If the marital status and address of the non-Swiss parent is not mentioned on the child’s birth certificate, an affidavit** has to be issued by a notary public in one of the official Swiss languages (French, German or Italian). The person (name/surname, date and place of birth, nationality) states under oath her/his marital status and address at the time of the birth of the child. Please mention that the affidavit is prepared for the registration of the birth of the child with the Swiss authorities. Then the document must be legalized by:
  
  **Ontario** - The Ministry of Government services, Official documents services, 222 Jarvis Street, Main Floor, Toronto ON M7A 0B6, tel: 416 325 8416
  
  **Manitoba** - The Commissioner for Oaths/Notary Public, 1034-405 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 3L6, tel. 204 945 2654, fax 204 945 1459.
  
  **Territory of Nunavut** - please contact this Consulate General.

- Copy of a valid **passport** of the non-Swiss parent (or driver’s licence, if the person is not the holder of a passport).

- **If you wish to have the original documents back, please enclose a self-addressed Xpresspost envelope (trackable) for their return.**

- The “**Questionnaire for unmarried parents of a child**” (see page 7/8), completed, dated and signed.

* Documents presented must have been issued within the last six months.
Fragebogen an nicht verheiratete Eltern eines Kindes
Questionnaire for unmarried parents of a child

Kind / enfant/ child

Familienname des Kindes
Nom de famille de l'enfant
Surname of the child

Vorname(n) des Kindes
Prénom(s) de l'enfant
First name(s) of the child

Geburtsort und – datum des Kindes
Lieu et date de naissance de l'enfant
Place and date of birth of the child

Angaben betreffend den schweizerischen Elternteil / Indications concernant le parent Suisse / Particulars of Swiss parent:

Familienname/Nom de famille/Surname: .................................................................

Vorname(n)/Prénom(s)/First name(s): .................................................................

Geburtsdatum/Date de naissance/Date of birth: .................................................................

Zivilstand anlässlich der Geburt des Kindes/état civil au moment de la naissance de l’enfant/
marital status at birth of child

☐ ledig/célibataire/single
☐ geschieden seit/divorcé(e) depuis/divorced since .................................................................
☐ verwitwet seit/veuf ou veuve depuis/widowed since .................................................................
☐ verheiratet mit/marié(e) seit/married with .................................................................

Heimatgemeinde/commune d'origine/place of origin: .................................................................

Name/Vorname(n) Eltern / Noms/prénom(s) des parents / Family name/first name(s) of parents:

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Angaben betreffend den ausländischen Elternteil / Indications concernant le parent étranger / Particulars of foreign parent:

Familienname/Nom de famille/Surname: .................................................................

Vorname(n)/Prénom(s)/First name(s): .................................................................

Geburtsdatum/Date de naissance/Date of birth: ................................................

Zivilstand anlässlich der Geburt des Kindes/état civil au moment de la naissance de l’enfant/marital status at birth of child

☐ ledig/célibataire/single
☐ geschieden seit/divorcé(e) depuis/divorced since ........................................
☐ verwitwet seit/veuf ou veuve depuis/widowed since ......................................
☐ verheiratet mit/marié(e) depuis/married with ..............................................

Nationalität/nationalité/nationality: .................................................................

Name/Vorname(n) Eltern / Noms/prénom(s) des parents / Family name/first name(s) of parents:

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Ist die Anerkennung des Kindes durch den Vater mittels Unterschrift auf der kanadischen Geburtsurkunde erfolgt?
Est-ce que le père a reconnu l'enfant par sa signature sur l'acte de naissance canadienne?
Did the father recognize the child with his signature on the Canadian birth certificate?

Yes ☐  No ☐

Wenn nicht / Si non / If not:

Est-ce que le père a officiellement reconnu l’enfant? Veuillez annexer le document original correspondant.
Did the father officially acknowledge the child? Please enclose the original corresponding document.

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Ort und Datum / Lieu et Date / Place and Date .......................................................

Unterschrift / Signature Mutter/Mère/Mother ......................................................

Unterschrift / Signature Vater/Père/Father .........................................................
Divorce in Canada
Registration of the divorce in Switzerland

In order to register your divorce with the Swiss authorities, the following documents have to be sent to this Consulate General:

- A certified copy of the divorce certificate* (in Ontario called Form B36) that states that the divorce is legally valid in the person's country of domicile and shows the exact date when the judgment was entered into effect (filing date).

- The "Registration of the divorce in Switzerland" form (see page 10), completed, dated and signed.

- If you wish to have the original documents back, please enclose a self-addressed X-presspost envelope (trackable) for their return.

* Documents presented must have been issued within the last six months.
### Divorce in Canada
Registration of the divorce in Switzerland

To be completed by one or both parties of the divorce
(Please write in BLOCK LETTERS)

Place and date of the divorce: ____________________________________________

Were both parties legally represented? ______________________________________

1. **Addresses at the time when the claim was deposited:**

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3. **If there are any children out of this marriage, who has the custody** (please enclose respective official agreement)?

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4. **Which name is the ex-wife bearing now?**

________________________________________________________________________

5. **Date and signature(s)**

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Death in Canada
Registration of the death in Switzerland

In order to register a death with the Swiss authorities, the following document has to be sent to this Consulate General:

- **Death certificate** of the deceased person, stating, if applicable, the first name (and maiden name) of the spouse

- **If you wish to have the original document back, please enclose a self-addressed Xpresspost envelope (trackable) for its return.**

See page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices.
Change of name in Canada
Registration of the change of name in Switzerland

In order to register a change of name with the Swiss authorities, the following document has to be sent to this Consulate General:

- an official change of name* certificate must be provided (see page 13 for links to the registrar’s offices)
  or
- an affidavit* stating under oath the change of name in one of the official Swiss languages (French, German or Italian). This document must be legalized by:

  **Ontario** - The Ministry of Government services, Official documents services, 222 Jarvis Street, Main Floor, Toronto ON M7A 0B6, tel: 416 325 8416, fax: 416 325 8434
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  **Territory of Nunavut** - please contact this Consulate General.

Fees might apply for a change of name in Switzerland, depending on the canton.

* Documents presented must have been issued within the last six months.
Registrar’s offices for the
Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Territory Nunavut

Ontario
https://www.orgforms.gov.on.ca/eForms/start.do?lang=en

Manitoba

Territory Nunavut

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Civil Status Documents of other countries

Civil status documents of other countries must be legalized by competent Swiss representation for that state. The requirements are very different from one country to another other. To find out which documents will have to be submitted, please consult the webpage of the competent Swiss representation or ask your Swiss representation in Canada.

Photocopies of documents are not accepted. Please also note that in some cases a fee will apply.