



After your marriage performed in The Bahamas: Entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to be submitted

- [Form \(PDF\)](#) "Application for Marriage Registration"

Documents submitted must be originals and must be issued within the last 6 months. Civil status certificates/acts can be obtained from the [Registrar General's Department](#) and must be authenticated and apostilled by the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Consular Division](#).

- The Marriage Act** (Certified Copy of an Entry in a Register of Marriages) with the Apostille

For the spouse/partner of Swiss nationality:

- Copy of passport or driver's license after name change following marriage (if applicable)

For the foreign spouse/partner:

- original birth certificate (Certified Copy of Entry in a Register of Births) with Apostille (if the spouse was born in another country, follow the instructions under "additional information")
- if divorced: divorce decree with date of enforcement (original document)
- if widowed: death certificate (original document)
- copy of passport or other valid identity document

Certain documents may no longer be required if the person is already registered in the Swiss civil status register.

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss language or in English must be translated in one of these languages.

Additional Information

If you wish to have your original documents returned to you, please enclose a pre-paid, self-addressed envelope, otherwise they will be sent to Switzerland.

Photocopies of original documents are not accepted. Additional documents may be required, if necessary.

If the spouse was born in another country, please check with the responsible Swiss representation in that country to find out which documents to submit for legalization. Foreign civil status documents must be legalized by the Swiss diplomatic or consular representation in those countries and the requirements differ from country to country.