



Birth of a child in Finland to parents who are not married: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Birth certificate***, not older than six months.
- Certified copy of **acknowledgment of paternity*** (*Isyyden tunnustaminen*), Document where the father has signed that he is the father of the child.
- Copy of the foreign passport of the child, if already existing.

For the Finnish parent:

- Birth certificate***, not older than six months.
- Certificate*** regarding **civil status** (single, divorced, widowed) and **residence at time of birth** (*Extract from the population information system in Finland*) in English, not older than six months. The document must contain the following – Personal data, current civil status, incl. personal data from previous partner such as name, date of marriage, date of divorce or death (if applicable) and address.
 - o If **divorced**, additionally a divorce certificate* (*Avioeropäätös*). *The date of legal effect must also be mentioned on the above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland.*
 - o If **widowed**, additional the personal data from the deceased partner incl. date of death must be mentioned on the above mentioned Extract from the population information system in Finland.
- Certificate** regarding **change of name and surnames***. (Extract from the population information system in Finland). The document must contain the name of change with the following information - former name or surnames and date of change of name).
- A **copy of the Finnish passport** (page with personal data and signature).

For the Swiss parent:

- A **copy of the Swiss passport** (page with personal data and signature).
- If the Swiss parent is not registered as a Swiss Abroad and the child will continue to live in Finland, the child and the foreign parent must be registered in the register of the Swiss Abroad. Information on this subject is published on our [website](#).

If an entry already exists in the Swiss civil status register, certain documents may no longer be required.

The original documents are 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.

All documents and certificates must be submitted **as originals** (exception: copies of the passports).
All **Finnish documents*** must be legalized with an **apostille (see legalization)**.

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An Extract from the population information system in Finland is not a standard certificate you can order via self-service. Please order the document with all the information requested by phone from the competent Finnish authority www.dvv.fi

Translation

Documents in English, German, French or Italian are accepted.

Legalisation

All Finnish documents* (marked with *) must be certified with **an apostille**.

In Finland, apostilles are issued by the Digital and Population Data Services Agency www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en.

Fees

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

Further information

If civil status documents do not come from Finland or Switzerland, please contact the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm beforehand. Depending on the origin of the documents, different regulations apply and the processing can take more time.

Please be informed that civil status affairs have to be registered chronologically in the Swiss Civil Register.

All submitted documents and certificates will be verified and sent to the competent authorities in Switzerland for registration in the Swiss Civil Register. 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 the Swiss national's place of origin can provide information on the status of the registration and issue certificates (such as family certificate or confirmation of birth) upon request. The Regional Consular Centre informs the involved person by email, as soon as the civil status authorities decided about the inscription in the Register.

Only after the completed registration of birth in the Swiss Civil Register, 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. (Passport and identity card for Swiss citizens living abroad > online application).

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

Where to obtain the documents

Birth certificate

→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency

Certified copy of acknowledgment of paternity (Isyyden tunnustaminen)

→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency

Certificate of civil status and residence

→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency

Divorce certificate (Avioeropäätös)

→ At the competent court