



## Death in Finland: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

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- A legalized copy of Certificate of death\*** (*Kuolintodistus*) issued from the doctor or hospital. The place of death must be mentioned on this document. (document in Finnish is accepted).
- Extract from the population information system in Finland\*** in English, not older than six months.  
The document must contain the following – Personal data, date of death, civil status, incl. personal data from the partner (if applicable).
- Swiss identity documents of the deceased (passport and identity card). The voided documents can be returned for commemorative purposes if the family requests this when submitting them. Please mention the exact address to which the documents should be returned).
- contact information of a family member.

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, certificates and certified copies must be submitted **as originals**.  
All **Finnish documents\*** must be legalized with an **apostille (see legalization)**.

### Translation

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The Extract from the population information system in Finland must be in English, German, French or Italian.

### Legalisation

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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](http://www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en).

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## Fees

Entry of the death 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 death is registered. If necessary, the survivors/heirs can order a family certificate (or the like) to be used for all official matters in Switzerland (banks, pension funds, inheritance, and so on). The certificate is issued by the [civil status office](#) responsible for the deceased's place of origin.

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

Certificate of death (Kuolintodistus)

→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency

Extract from the population information system in Finland.

→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency

Certificate of change of name (Extract from the population information system in Finland)

→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency