



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

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Documents to submit

From the child:

- Birth certificate* mentioning the full name of the child. The child's father shall also be mentioned
- Copy of passport (if available)
- A recent picture of the child

From the foreign parent:

- Birth certificate*
- Affidavit* (from a notary public), regarding:
 - Civil status (single, divorced, widowed; if widowed: Death certificate of former spouse; if divorced: Divorce Decree Absolute, Copy of the Decree Nisi) at the moment of birth of the child.
 - Place of residence at the moment of birth of the child
 - Confirmation about the paternity of the child
- Copy of Passport

From the Swiss parent:

- Copy of the Swiss passport
- If resident in Kenya:
 - Affidavit* (from a lawyer or notary public), regarding confirmation about paternity of child
- If resident in Switzerland:
 - Written and signed letter regarding confirmation about paternity of child
 - Please be aware that a formal Paternity Recognition may be required at a later stage by the competent civil registry Office in Switzerland

The original documents are submitted to the competent civil status authority 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.

Legalisation

*All official documents must be original and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign & Diaspora Affairs in Nairobi (+254 20 331 8888 / info@mfa.go.ke / <https://mfa.go.ke/authentication> / Huduma Center, City Square Building, Nairobi, Kenya).

Fees

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