



## After your marriage performed in Kenya: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit in person to your Swiss representation

- Certified Copy of an Entry of Marriage\*
- Form "Application for marriage registration" (available at the Swiss Consulate in Mombasa or at the Embassy)

#### From the Kenyan spouse:

- 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)
  - Confirmation of place of residence (physical address)
- Copy of passport

#### If you plan to take up residency in Switzerland:

- Certificate of Good Conduct\*
- 3 passport pictures
- 3 visa application forms (Visa D), completed and signed
- Proof of Knowledge of the national language spoken at the place of residence in Switzerland: Oral A1. Also an enrolment in a language course that will allow this level to be acquired will be accepted. Spouses of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals are exempt from the proof of language competency requirement.

Certain documents may not be required if the person is already registered in the Swiss civil status register.

#### From the Swiss spouse:

- Copy of their certificate of current residence in Switzerland
- Copy of their valid passport or identity card
- If available: Copy of their certificate of civil status for Swiss nationals (Personenstandsausweis, Certificat individuel d'état civil, Certificato individuale di stato civile)

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](mailto:info@mfa.go.ke) / <https://mfa.go.ke/authentication> / Huduma Center, City Square Building, Nairobi, Kenya).

### Thorough verification

Once the Embassy receives the above-mentioned documents it will get in contact with the responsible authority in Switzerland. Should this authority request the verification of the documents through a lawyer in Kenya, you will have to pay an advance of costs, to cover the cost of the said verification.

## Fees

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Visa application fees free of charge (spouse of Swiss national).

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