



## Marriage to be performed in Switzerland

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

- Form: Application for preparation of marriage

**For Swiss citizens:**

- Original proof of current residence
- Copy of civil status certificate
- Valid passport or identity card

**For citizens of other countries:**

- Original birth certificate (Bayän Wilada / بيان ولادة)
- Original certificate of current civil status record:
  - a) Marital status certificate from the religious community (Ifadat Ozoubiya / إفادة عزوبية)
  - b) Individual register extract (Bayän Keid Fardi / بيان قيد فردي)
  - c) Family register extract (Bayän Keid Aailiy / بيان قيد عائلي)
  - d) Divorce Certificate with the date on which it takes effect (Bayän Talak / بيان طلاق)
  - e) Divorce Decree with the date on which it takes effect (Houkm Talak / حكم طلاق)
  - f) Death certificate of deceased spouse (Bayän Wafat / بيان وفاة)
- Original certificate of current residence
- Valid passport

**If the second person is domiciled in Switzerland:**

- Copy of his/her certificate of current residence in Switzerland
- Copy of his/her valid passport or identity card

**For any joint children who are not registered yet in the Swiss Civil Status Register:**

- Original birth certificate establishing filiation
- Original official decree establishing filiation or recognition of paternity
- Original proof of current residence
- Valid passport or identity card

**For any joint children registered in the Swiss Civil Status Register:**

- Copy of their birth certificate
- Copy of their valid passport or identity card

The original documents must be 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.

## Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated, into German, French or Italian.

## Legalization

All foreign civil status documents must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs before being submitted to the Swiss representation.

## Family Reunion Visa

- Visa application form in 3 copies.  
<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/de/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>
- Passport + 3 copies: must be valid for at least six months, with at least two free pages.
- Criminal record extract + 1 copy: not older than 6 months and certified from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Passport photos: 4 identical passport photos; recent, neutral background and facial expression, picture size 3.5 x 4.5 cm.
- A1 language certificate / school certificate in a recognized national language:  
Proof of language competence (A1) of the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland. Enrollment in a language course is accepted. The list of recognized language certificates is available on the website [www.fide-info.ch](http://www.fide-info.ch).

## Interpreter

If the applicant does not speak/write German, French or Italian, the presence of an interpreter (from Arabic into one of our national languages) is mandatory. The costs shall be borne by the applicant.

## Fees

The fees of this preparatory procedure amount to US\$596.00.

## Additional information

In order to submit an application for preparation of marriage and an application for family reunion to Switzerland, the person living in Syria must request an appointment in advance and come in person to the Embassy.

Appointment: Requests should be sent by e-mail to [beirut.visa@eda.admin.ch](mailto:beirut.visa@eda.admin.ch).

Delivery of the decision: The decision is made by the competent authority in Switzerland. Your spouse residing in Switzerland will be informed of the decision in writing.

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