



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

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### Documents to submit

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- Original document "Copy of an entry of a marriage register" issued by RITA Dar es Salaam. This document is issued when a marriage needs to be registered abroad. To obtain this document, the original marriage certificate from the district registrar where the marriage took place needs to be submitted.  
If the marriage occurred in Zanzibar:
  - Original "Certificate of Marriage" (will be returned);
  - Original "Marriage Return" issued by RITA Zanzibar, stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dar es Salaam.
- Original Marriage Certificate from the district registrar (will be returned).
- If one of the spouse is a Swiss citizen and domiciled in Switzerland, a copy of their Swiss individual civil status certificate and of their Swiss passport.
- Application for marriage registration (see link below), signed by the persons who are currently present in Tanzania.

### For spouses who are not Swiss citizens:

- Original Birth Certificate issued by RITA Dar es Salaam.  
If the birth occurred in Zanzibar, the Birth Certificate ("Certified Copy of an entry in a Register of Births") needs to be issued by RITA Zanzibar.
- Original certificate of civil status ("Certificate of No Impediment") issued by RITA Dar es Salaam or Zanzibar.
- Original Affidavit, confirming the civil status before the marriage, issued by a Commissioner for Oaths.
- If the foreign spouse has been married before, the documents concerning the dissolution of the former marriage (copy of Divorce certificate issued by RITA Dar es Salaam, copy of the Judgement, and copy of the Decree).
- If the foreign spouse is widowed, copy of Marriage Certificate and original Death Certificate of the former spouse, issued by RITA Dar es Salaam. If the death occurred in Zanzibar, the certificate needs to be issued by RITA Zanzibar.
- Original Affidavit of residence confirmation at the time of the marriage issued by the competent District Resident Magistrate.
- Passport copy.

Certain documents may no longer be required if the person is already registered in the Swiss civil status register.

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.

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## Legalisation

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**All original Tanzanian civil status documents must be legalised** before being submitted to the Swiss representation:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dar es Salaam (4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 15, Shaaban Robert Street).

## Fees

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

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