



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

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Documents to submit

- Original Birth Certificate of the child issued by by Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) in 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 Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency (ZCSRA)
- Written confirmation of acknowledgment of the biological father of the child.
- Passport copy of the child (if applicable).
- Application for Birth Registration.

If you (a parent) do not hold Swiss nationality and are not yet registered in the Swiss civil status register, please submit the following:

- Original Birth Certificate of the foreign parent issued by by Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) in 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 Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency (ZCSRA)
- Original certificate of civil status of the foreign parent ("Certificate of No Impediment") issued by RITA Dar es Salaam or ZCSRA Zanzibar.
- Original Affidavit of the foreign parent, confirming the civil status at the time of the birth of the child, issued by a Commissioner for Oaths.
- If the foreign parent has been married before, the documents concerning the dissolution of the former marriage (copy of Divorce certificate issued by RITA Dar es Salaam or ZCSRA Zanzibar, copy of the Judgement, and copy of the Decree).
- If the foreign parent 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 ZCSRA Zanzibar.
- Original Affidavit of residence confirmation (at the time of the birth of the child) of the foreign parent issued by the competent District Resident Magistrate.
- Passport copy of both parents.

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.

Legalisation

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

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

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Fees

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

Further information

Paternity recognition

Neither official paternity recognition procedure nor official document exists in Tanzania to legally establish the paternity of children born out of wedlock.

According to Tanzanian law, no person shall be entered in the register as the father of a child born out of wedlock except at his own request and upon his acknowledging himself to be the father of the child and signing, or affixing his mark to, the register and birth certificate as such.

The competent civil status registry in Switzerland might choose to do a paternity recognition procedure in Switzerland in order to register the child.

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