



## Marriage to be performed in Thailand between two Swiss citizens

June 2025

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

A marriage in Thailand can take place at one of the numerous Thai district offices (Amphoe). Swiss nationals will have to submit a so-called "**Marriage Application**" according to instructions by the Thai authorities in order to marry in Thailand. This document is issued by the Regional Consular Center based on a "Certificate of capacity to marry" which has to be ordered in advance in Switzerland. The procedure for obtaining the document is as follows:

#### For both partners:

- ☐ **Passport**
- ☐ **Certificate of capacity to marry**, not older than six months
  - The document has to be ordered at the civil status office at the place of origin

In addition, at the request of the Thai authorities, the following documents must be submitted for the issuance of the consular certificate "Marriage Application":

- ☐ **Certificate of residence**, not older than six months
  - For Swiss nationals registered with a Swiss representation abroad, a certificate of nationality and registration will automatically be issued by the embassy.
- ☐ **Proof of income or asset**
  - If employed: employment certificate indicating monthly remuneration, not older than six months (tax records and pay slips are not accepted)
  - If self-employed: extract from the commercial register and bank statement for the last three months
  - If retired: proof of current pension entitlement, not older than six months
- ☐ **Two reference addresses** of persons living in Switzerland
  - The reference addresses can be family members and/or friends
  - It is sufficient to write the addresses on an empty A4 sheet

### Translation

Marriage Applications issued by the Regional Consular Centre, once legalised by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs, must be translated into Thai.

### Legalisation

Marriage Applications issued by the Regional Consular Centre must be legalised by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The contact details of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Thailand and information on legalization procedures can be found under the following link:

35 North Wireless Road (Thanon Witthayu Nuea)  
Lumphini, Pathum Wan  
Bangkok 10330

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## Fees

**Fees of approx. CHF 700.00** have to be paid in THB when submitting the documents in accordance with the Ordinance on the Fees of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FeeO FDFA) as well as the Ordinance on the Fees in civil status affairs (ZStGV). If further clarifications for the verification of the documents are necessary, the advance payment might be higher. Any remaining balance will be refunded after conclusion of the complete marriage procedure.

**The following forms have to be completed during the personal visit:**

- Application for Certificate of Capacity to Marry (form M.34)
- Declaration concerning the Marriage Conditions (form F.35)

The process to obtain a "Certificate of capacity to marry" takes **approx. two to three months**.

The Swiss representation can provide information about the **family name** after marriage prior to the marriage.

## Further information

### Processing time

All submitted documents and certificates will be sent by the Regional Consular Center to the competent authority in charge of issuing a "Certificate of capacity to marry". The process to obtain a "Certificate of capacity to marry" takes **approx. two to three months**.

As soon as the Regional Consular Center receives the "Certificate of capacity to marry" from the Swiss authorities, it will issue the "Marriage Application" in English. The couple has to arrange a **Thai translation** of the "Marriage Application". The translation as well as the "Marriage Application" require **legalization** by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a marriage to be celebrated at a Thai district office.

### After the marriage

After the marriage, **an extract of the marriage register** (Kho. Ro. 2) legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with translation has to be provided to the Regional Consular Center. The extract must be requested from the Thai authority explicitly. The colourfully framed marriage certificate is not accepted.

It can take at least two months until the marriage is registered in Switzerland. After this period, the civil status office responsible for your place of origin can provide information on the status of the registration and issue certificates (e.g. confirmation of marriage) upon request and at your own cost.