



After your marriage performed in China: Entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit to the competent Swiss representation in China

For Swiss citizens:

- Marriage certificate (notarial certificate of marriage), issued by a public notary
- Photocopy of a valid passport or identity card
- Indication of the residence address

For Chinese spouses:

- Birth certificate with names of the parents (notarial certificate of birth), issued by a public notary
- Civil status certificate(s):
 - a) Declaration of your civil status (affidavit) until the day before the marriage, certified by a public notary
 - b) Divorce certificate (notarial certificate of divorce), issued by a public notary, if divorced at the Chinese civil registration office
 - c) Divorce decree, notarized by a public notary, if divorced in court.
In case of divorce by means of legal mediation by the court, a notarized certificate of legal effect must also be submitted.
 - d) Death certificate (notarial certificate of death) of the deceased spouse, issued by a public notary, if widowed
- Certificate of residence, issued by a public notary
(certificate of current address and not a translation of the Hukou)
- Photocopy of a valid passport or identity card

For any joint children who are not yet entered in the Swiss civil status register:

If you already have children together, please contact us in advance.

The representations only accept complete files. 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.

Translation

The Chinese documents (with the exception of the Chinese passport) require a notarized translation (German, French, Italian or English) by a public notary, which must not be older than 6 months.

Legalization

All Chinese civil status documents must be legalized by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign before being submitted to the Swiss representation:

Consular district Beijing:

Visa Office (Legalisation)
China Tourism Group Travel Service Corporation Limited
8 Dongjiaominxiang, Dongcheng District
100005 Beijing,
Tel: (010) 6512 48 96

Consular district Shanghai:

Shanghai

Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office
Legalization Division
Huashan Rd. 228
Hotel Equatorial, Office Bldg

Shanghai 200040
Tel: 021 6247 0833

Jiangsu

Jiangsu Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
Consulate Division
No. 145 Hanzhongmen
Street

Nanjing 210029
Tel: 025 8366 6440

Zhejiang

Zhejiang Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
Passport and Visa Div.
No. 1 Shihan Rd.

Hangzhou 310007
Tel: 0571 8705 4924

Anhui

Anhui Provincial
Foreign Affairs Office
Entry & Exit
Administration Section

No.509 Maanshan Rd.
Hefei 230002
Tel: 0551 6299 9839

Consular district Guangzhou:

Guangdong Province

Foreign Affairs Office of the
People's Government of
Guangdong Province
No.2, Youlin 1st Road, Chigang,
510310 Guangzhou
Tel: 020 8121 9789
020 8121 7589
Fax: 020 8121 6029

Fujian Province

Foreign Affairs Office of Fujian
Provincial People's Government
97 Hua Lin Road, Gulou District
35003 Fuzhou
Tel: 0591 8781 5074
0591 8780 9733

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Foreign Affairs Office of Guangxi
Zhuang Autonomous Region
6 Yibin Road, Qingxiu District
530023 Nanning
Tel: 077 1559 5561
077 1561 3250
Fax: 077 1564 2584

Hainan Province

Foreign Affairs Office of Hainan
Province
No. 9 Guo Xing Avenue
570203 Haikou
Tel: 0898 6531 6350

Hunan Province

Foreign Affairs Office of Hunan
Province
3F, Xianghui Building
No. 12 Shaoshanbei Road
Furong District
Tel: 0731 8221 9825
0731 8221 9830
Fax: 0731 8221 7595

Jiangxi Province

Jiangxi Provincial Foreign Affairs
Office
157 Supu Road
330006 Nanchang
Tel: 0791 8628 1957
Fax: 0791 8622 4679

Shenzhen City

Shenzhen Foreign Affairs Office
Zone B, Citizen Center
Fuzhong 3rd Road, Futian District
518000 Shenzhen
Tel: 0755 8812 0330
0755 8812 0331

Zhuhai City

Zuhai Foreign Affairs Office
Building 2
Municipal Government
Courtyard
519000 Zhuhai
Tel: 075 6218 6313
075 6218 6317
075 6212 5107

Application for settlement in Switzerland (Family reunion)

The application for an entry permit for the purpose of residence / family reunion must be submitted to the Swiss migration authorities via the Swiss representation. A processing time of 2 to 3 months is to be expected. Please contact the visa section of the competent Swiss representation for more information.

Fees

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

Further information

We can also send you templates for the mentioned civil status documents upon request. For questions, you can contact the Swiss representation responsible for your place of residence / consular district. Please mention your name and current province of residence when making inquiries. The contact information can be found below.

Embassy of Switzerland in Beijing

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Phone: +86 10 8532 88 88
Fax: +86 10 6532 43 53
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www.eda.admin.ch/beijing

Consulate General of Switzerland in Shanghai

22F, Building A, Far East Intl. Plaza
319 Xian Xia Road
Shanghai 200051, P.R. China
Phone: +86 21 6270 0519
Fax: +86 21 6270 0522
shanghai.consular@eda.admin.ch
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Consulate General of Switzerland in Guangzhou

27th Floor, Kingold Century
No. 62, Jinsui Road
Zhujiang New Town, Tianhe District
Guangzhou 510623, P.R.China
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