



## Marriage in Switzerland for Malaysian nationals

The civil status offices in Switzerland are responsible for questions related to marriages. The partner living in Switzerland should therefore contact the civil status office responsible for the place of marriage for information about the process.

For the Malaysian partner as well as for the Swiss national living in Malaysia, the process is as follows:

<p><b>1.</b> Providing of documents and certificates</p>	<p><u>For the Swiss partner living in Malaysia:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Passport</b></li><li>❖ <b>Certificate of civil status</b>, not older than six months<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The document may be ordered from the civil status office at the place of origin.</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Certificate of residence</b>, not older than six months<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ For Swiss citizens registered with this Embassy, the certificate will be issued by this representation.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><u>For the Malaysian partner:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Copy of the form „Application for preparatory procedure for marriage“ filled in by the partner living in Switzerland</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ This is required, in case the partner who lives in Switzerland is not present and serves to declare the exact personal data, nationality/place of origin and address of the absent partner, as well as the chosen place of marriage.</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Malaysian passport</b></li><li>❖ New <b>extract of the birth certificate</b>, not older than six months, issued by the “National Registration Department of Malaysia”</li><li>❖ Legalized copy of the <b>Malaysian identity card</b></li><li>❖ <b>Certificate of civil status</b> (“single”, “divorced” or “widow”), not older than six months<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Malaysian citizens obtain such document by the “National Registration Department of Malaysia”</li><li>○ Malaysian citizens of Muslim faith obtain instead a statutory declaration through a Muslim “Commissioner of Oaths”<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ If divorced, additionally the <b>divorce decree</b> (<i>Decree Nisi Absolute</i>) or <b>certificate of divorce</b></li><li>▪ If widowed, additionally the <b>death certificate</b> of the previous spouse</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Certificates regarding changes of first and surnames</b> in case they were ever changed</li></ul> <p><u>For common children:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ New <b>extract of the birth certificate</b> of the child, not older than six months, issued by the “National Registration Department of Malaysia”<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If the Swiss father’s information is mentioned on the certificate, no separate acknowledgment of paternity is required.</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Foreign passport</b> of the child, if already existing</li></ul>
<p><b>2.</b> Translation and legalization</p>	<p>The documents which are not already bilingual (Malaysian/English) require a <b>translation</b> into English, German, French or Italian by a translation office approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All documents from Malaysia and their translations must be <b>legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia</b> before being submitted to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok.</p>

<p><b>3.</b> Personal appearance</p>	<p>All documents and certificates must be submitted as <b>originals</b> in person at the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok during counter <a href="#">opening hours</a> (without appointment). Certificates issued once only will be returned immediately.</p> <p>These fees of approx. <b>CHF 305.00</b> as well as <b>CHF 40.00</b> for the certificate of residence for Swiss abroad have to be paid in cash and <b>THB</b> when submitting the documents. Such fees are governed by the Ordinance on the Fees charged by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FeeO FDFA) as well as by the Ordinance on the Fees in civil status affairs (ZStGV).</p> <p>When submitting the documents, the following forms will also have to be filled in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Application for preparatory procedure for marriage</li> <li>❖ Declaration concerning pre-conditions for entering into marriage.</li> </ul> <p>Prior to the marriage, the civil status offices in Switzerland or the Swiss representation can provide information on the choices of <b>family names</b> to be carried after the marriage.</p> <p>The Regional Consular Center in Bangkok and the cantonal civil status authorities demand further documents as needed.</p>
<p><b>4.</b> Solemnizing the marriage</p>	<p>All submitted documents and certificates will be verified, legalized and, together with the filled forms, sent to the civil status office responsible for the marriage. A delay of <b>at least two months</b> is to be expected until the marriage can take place. After such delay, the Swiss resp. the partner who lives in Switzerland is kindly invited to contact the responsible civil status office directly.</p>
<p><b>5.</b> Entry to resp. residence in Switzerland</p>	<p>For detailed information on this subject, please consult the Embassy's <a href="#">website</a> and/or contact the Visa Department at the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:ban.visa@eda.admin.ch">ban.visa@eda.admin.ch</a>.</p>
<p><b>6.</b> Marriage registration</p>	<p>Swiss nationals who are registered with this Regional Consular Center are requested to send a <b>copy of the marriage certificate</b> to this representation by e-mail, in order to update the Register of the Swiss abroad.</p> <p>Changes in civil status which have taken place abroad are generally to be reported to the countries of origin of the partners. After the marriage, please contact the representation of Malaysia in Switzerland to register the marriage in Malaysia.</p>

Should you have any questions regarding the marriage preparation, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by e-mail or telephone.

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