



After your marriage / partnership performed in Canada: Entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to be submitted

- [Form \(PDF\)](#) “Application for Marriage Registration”

Marriage and birth certificates without parental information and documents issued more than six months ago are not accepted (with the exception of the Declaration of Marriage for the Province of Quebec):

- Alberta:** “[Photocopy of a Registration of Marriage](#)”
- British Columbia:** “[Certified Copy of a Marriage Registration](#)” or “[Certified Electronic Extract of a Marriage Registration](#)”
- Manitoba:** “[Copy of registration](#)” and “[Affidavit](#)”
- New Brunswick:** “[Photocopy of Marriage Registration](#)” and “[Affidavit](#)”
- Newfoundland and Labrador:** “[Certified Copy of Marriage Registration](#)” (this is a photographic print of the registration) and the “[Marriage Certificate](#)”
- Northwest Territories:** “[Restricted Photocopy of Registration of Marriage](#)”
- Nova Scotia:** “[Certified photocopy of the Marriage Registration](#)” (this is a photographic print of the registration)
- Nunavut:** “[Restricted Photocopy of Registration of Marriage](#)”
- Ontario:** “[Certified Copy of Statement of Marriage or of a Registration](#)” (Long Form Marriage Certificate)
- Prince Edward Island:** “[Certified Copy of Registration of Marriage](#)”
- Québec:** “[Certificate of marriage](#)” and “*Marriage declaration* (green paper legal sized, issued only at the time of the wedding)”
- Saskatchewan:** “[Certified Copy of Registration of Marriage](#)”
- Yukon:** “[Restricted Photocopy of Registration of Marriage](#)”

For the spouse/partner of Swiss nationality:

- Copy of passport or driver's license after name change following marriage (if applicable)

For the foreign spouse/partner:

- original birth certificate with parentage (if the spouse was born in another country, follow the instructions under "additional information")
- if divorced: divorce certificate and first page of the court order/decree (original documents)
- if widowed: death certificate (original document)
- copy of passport or other valid identity document

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

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss language or in English must be translated in one of these languages.

Additional Information

Ordering a civil status document in Canada: [Vital Statistics provincial](#)

If you wish to have your original documents returned to you, please enclose a pre-paid, self-addressed envelope, otherwise they will be sent to Switzerland.

Photocopies of original documents are not accepted. Additional documents may be required, if necessary.

An [Affidavit](#) represents a solemn declaration concerning the civil status prior to marriage. This must be certified by a notary (public) only. Documents sworn by a commissioner of oaths or otherwise will not be accepted by the authorities in Switzerland.

If the spouse was born in another country, please check with the responsible Swiss representation in that country to find out which documents to submit for legalization. Foreign civil status documents must be legalized by the Swiss diplomatic or consular representation in those countries and the requirements differ from country to country.