



Marriage to be performed in Switzerland

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Documents to be submitted personally at your Swiss representation

- "Application for preparatory procedure for marriage" [FR](#) | [DE](#) | [IT](#) (PDF) duly completed, dated and signed

For the person of Swiss nationality living in Canada:

- original certificate of current residence
- valid passport or identity card

For the person living and born in Canada:

- birth certificate with parental information, original document issued within the last 6 months
- [Affidavit \(PDF\)](#) statutory declaration concerning domicile and civil status to be certified by a notary (documents sworn by a commissioner of oaths will not be accepted)
- valid passport or identity card, original document
- if divorced : divorce certificate and first page of the court order/decreed (original documents)
- if widowed: death certificate (original document)

For the person living in Canada but born outside of Canada:

If the fiancé/fiancée living in Canada was not born in Canada (regardless of Canadian citizenship), please contact your competent representation by email.

For the person living in Switzerland:

- copy of certificate of current residence in Switzerland
- copy of valid passport and/or identity card

For any joint children not yet registered in the Swiss civil status register:

- birth certificate with parental information, original document
- official act establishing parentage or recognition of paternity, document original
- valid passport or identity card

For any joint children registered in the Swiss civil status register:

- copy of birth certificate
- copy of valid passport and/or identity card

With application for long stay in Switzerland (family reunion visa)

- [3 forms visa application](#) for a long stay visa (D visa) duly completed, dated and signed ([visa fee](#))
- 2 color photos, passport size, not attached to the file

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated.

Interpreter/Translator

Depending the case, you will be asked to come to the consulate with a professional translator/interpreter. It is your obligation to hire a suitable interpreter and to arrange and ensure his/her presence at the appointment. Please note that your translator must present proof of his/her profession, such as a business card, in order for the Swiss authorities to accept his/her services.

Fees

The exact amount to be paid will be communicated on a case-by-case basis, taking into account any additional fees required for supplementary services.

Please note that the costs for the verification and legalization of documents from third countries may, in some cases, be significantly higher and require an advance payment of more than CHF 1000.00.

Additional Information

An Affidavit is a solemn declaration concerning domicile and marital status. This must be certified by a (public) notary only. Documents sworn by a commissioner of oaths or otherwise will not be accepted by the authorities in Switzerland.

Civil status documents can be obtained from the [civil status office](#) of the province of birth. Photocopies, scanned copies, faxes or carbon copies of these original documents are not accepted.

In order for us to offer you an appointment, the file must be consulted beforehand and must be complete. Kindly send us your documents by email in PDF format. Please make sure that your scans are readable and send only one email containing all your documents. Appointments for wedding preparations are scheduled according to availability and during office hours. If you come to the competent Consulate without an appointment, you will be refused access. Only persons (not accompanying persons) who have an appointment will be allowed to enter the building. The Consulates General in Montreal and Vancouver reserve the right to cancel an appointment if the situation requires it.

If your file is complete you will automatically receive an appointment with the competent representation. The Consulates process their applications in the chronological order in which they are received and the processing time may vary between 2 and 8 weeks depending on the volume of incoming applications.

The fees for a marriage preparation procedure are payable by Canadian debit card or credit card (Visa & Mastercard).