



After your marriage performed in Bhutan: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Application for Preparation or Registration of Marriage
- original marriage certificate / affirmation of marriage (Dzongkha version), issued by the Royal Court of Justice
- copy of a Swiss marital status certificate from the Swiss Citizen(s)
- copy of passports

If one person is domiciled in Switzerland:

- copy of the certificate of current residence in Switzerland

For spouses who are not Swiss citizens:

- original birth certificate, issued by the Royal Government of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital, with the names of child and both parents (full names)
- original current civil status record:
 - a) Unmarried certificate, issued by the Royal Court of Justice *or*
 - b) divorce decree and Attestation of Divorce (to whom it may concern), issued by the Royal Court of Justice *or*
 - c) death certificate of deceased spouse, issued by the Royal Government of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital
- original domicile certificate, issued by the Ministry of Home & Cultural Affairs, Department of Civil Registration & Censusing
- valid passport
- Visa D Form (in triplicate) *
- Police Clearance Certificate for the Visa Application *

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

The original documents will be 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

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

Legalisation

All foreign civil status documents must be legalised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Thimphu before being submitted to the Swiss representation.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Gyalong Tshokhang
Thimphu
Bhutan
<http://www.mfa.gov.bt/>

Fees

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

Visa fees will be charged where applicable. The fees have to be paid in INR and are subject to the exchange rate.

Further information

Once your file is complete, it will be forwarded to Switzerland within 2-3 weeks and the marriage will be registered in the Swiss central civil registry.

* Please note that if you wish to take up residence with your partner in Switzerland, you will also need to file an application for a national visa D at the Swiss representation. Your application will be processed at the cantonal migration office of your future place of residence in Switzerland. The estimated processing time for a visa D is 3 months.

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