



Adoption in Kenya: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Birth certificate* of the child **before** adoption
- Birth certificate* of the child **after** adoption
- Complete judgment of adoption*
- Certificate of entry in Adopted Children Register*
- Consent of biological parents (Affidavit* from a Commissioner of Oaths, certified by the General Registrar) if applicable
- Consent of former guardian* (if applicable)
- Report from Social Service (Interview & Assessment from Ministry of Gender and Children Affairs)
- Copies of passports

The original documents are submitted to the competent civil status authority 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.

Legalisation

*All official documents must be original and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign & Diaspora Affairs in Nairobi (+254 20 331 8888 / info@mfa.go.ke / <https://mfa.go.ke/authentication> / Huduma Center, City Square Building, Nairobi, Kenya).

Thorough verification

Once the Embassy receives the above-mentioned documents it will get in contact with the responsible authority in Switzerland. Should this authority request the verification of the documents through a lawyer in Kenya, you will have to pay an advance of costs, to cover the cost of the said verification.

Fees

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