



# Visa for marriage or for registration of a partnership in Switzerland (take up residence in Switzerland)

The information sheets for marriage and for the registration of a partnership in Switzerland are available [here](#). All required documents for the preparation of the marriage or for the registration of a partnership must first be submitted to the chancery of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok during the [opening hours](#). After completion of these formalities, the visa application to take up residency after marriage or registration of a partnership can be submitted to the visa section of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok. An appointment is not required if the visa application is submitted on the same day. The applicant's appearance in person is mandatory.

## Documentary requirements

- **Three [visa application forms](#)** (“Application for a long stay visa D”) duly filled out, dated and signed by the applicant
- **Four passport-sized pictures**  
recently made color pictures, 3.5 - 4 cm in width, neutral light background, head takes up 70-80% of the surface
- **Passport**  
valid at least three months after the planned entry date in the Schengen territory, at least two blank pages
- **Three photocopies of the passport**  
personal data page
- **Criminal record**  
Original with three photocopies. To be ordered at the Province People's Court. The record needs to be translated into English or French by the Ministry of Justice and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ministry of Justice: Lane-Xang Avenue (Opposite Patuxay Monument), Vientiane  
Tel: 856-21-451920.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consul Department, Sibounheuang Road, Ban Sibounheuang,  
Chanthaboury Dist, Vientiane, Tel: 856-21-243524.

## Fees

[Here](#) you can find the visa application-handling fee levied by the Regional Consular Center.

## Procedure

The civil status documents will be forwarded by diplomatic courier to the civil registry office competent for the celebration of the marriage or for the registration of the partnership. The visa application will be submitted to the cantonal migration office competent for the Swiss partner's place of residence. The process may take several months. Information regarding the processing time will be given by the authorities in Switzerland only. In general, the Swiss partner is informed by the civil registry office as soon as the marriage or the registration of the partnership can take place.

Once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted (form „Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung“ or “Autorisation habilitant les représentations Suisses à délivrer un visa”), the passport can be submitted to the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane by the applicant or by an authorized third person during the [opening hours](#) without prior appointment. The passport will be sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by weekly courier [with costs](#) for the issuance of the visa and returned to Vientiane the following week. The exact pick up date of the passport will be communicated to you by the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane.

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