



## Adoption in Nigeria: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

#### From the child:

- Certificate of Birth **before** adoption (mentioning the biological parents names), issued by a National Population Commission (NPC)
- Certificate of Birth **after** adoption (mentioning the new parents and the change of name) issued by a National Population Commission (NPC), not older than 6 months
- Complete Judgment of Adoption (Final Adoption Order)
- Consent of the competent ministry of the place of origin of the child
- Consent of the biological parents
- Passport / identity card copies of the biological parents
- Medical certificate regarding the health of the child
- Curriculum vitae of the child
- Passport copy of the child after adoption

#### From the adoptive parents:

- Passport copies
- Certificate of residence (*Wohnsitzbestätigung/Certificat de domicile*)

The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in. They will not be returned. Photocopies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

### Thorough verification

As a rule, foreign civil status documents to be submitted must undergo a thorough verification of their authenticity by an approved law firm mandated. To this end, please submit the following to the Swiss representation:

- declaration form concerning voluntary verification of foreign civil status documents, duly dated and signed
- questionnaire for the verification of civil status documents

Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja to find out about the actual fees for the verification of the documents through the Embassy's lawyer.

Additional documents may be required, depending on the conclusions of a lawyer's expert advice or the requirements of the authorities concerned in Switzerland.

The verification of the documents through the lawyer may take several months. The conclusions of the firm's advice are not binding on the civil status authority concerned.

### Fees

The fees for this procedure vary (depending on the exchange rate). Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja to enquire about the actual fees.