



Birth of a child in Mauritius to parents not married to each other: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Original birth certificate* of the child**, issued by the local Registration Office, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)
- Original birth certificate* from Mauritian parent**, issued by the local Registration Office, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)
- Sworn affidavit from the mother*** stating that she is the biological mother of the child, her residential address, nationality and marital status at the time of the child's birth, issued by a Notary Public, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)
- Sworn affidavit from the father*** stating that he is the biological father of the child, his residential address, nationality and marital status at the time of the child's birth, issued by a Notary Public, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)
- Photocopy of Mauritian Passport of child, if available
- Photocopy of Swiss Passport or ID Card of both parents
- Questionnaire, completed and signed by both parents

If the Mauritian parent has been previously married:

- Original certified copy of the divorce sentence***, issued by the competent Court Supreme of Mauritius and **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)
- Original Death Certificate*** of the previous spouse of the Mauritian parent, issued by the Registration Office and **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)

The original certificates are submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and will not be returned (**photocopies or certified copies are not accepted**). Additional documents may be required by the Swiss civil status authority.

All documents marked with a * **must not be older than six months** (date of issue) at the time of their submission to the Regional Consular Centre (RCC).

Translation

Documents that are issued in English or in a Swiss national language (French, German Italian or Romansch) do not need to be accompanied by a translation.

Apostille

The Apostille can be obtained from the Prime Minister's Office, Hôtel du Gouvernement, Port Louis.
Please find below the website:

<https://govmu.org/EN/infoservices/govadministration/Pages/pmoffice.aspx>

Fees

Entry of the birth in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge, however in certain cases fees can occur. If this is the case, you will be informed accordingly.

Further information

If the documents are sent by mail: Please include a cover letter mentioning your personal and contact details. It is however strongly recommended to use a private courier company.

Only once the birth of the child has been registered in Switzerland and the nationality of the child has been confirmed, parents can apply for a Swiss passport for their child.

Please contact the Regional Consular Centre Southern Africa (RCC) at the Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria if **a citizen of a different country is concerned or the birth took place outside of Mauritius.**

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