



Birth of a child in Sweden to parents who are not married: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Birth certificate*** with the name of the child and both parents (Personbevis).
As there are different Extract form the population register (Personbevis) please note the reference, which corresponds to a birth certificate (Födelsbevis).
<https://skatteverket.se/privat/folkbokforing/bestallpersonbevis/vanligaonskemalfranutlandskamyndigheter.4.3810a01c150939e893f22054.html>
- Certified copy of **acknowledgment of paternity*** (Bekräftelse på faderskap).
 - o If you have **personally signed** the paternity, a certified copy of the acknowledgment of paternity is required. Please request a legalized copy from the social welfare office (bevittnad kopia – stempel och underskrift av socialkontoret i original).
 - o If you have **digitally signed** the paternity at the Swedish Tax Agency, the document **Föräldraskap/Bevis** is required. The documents must be stamped and signed from the Swedish Tax Agency.
- Copy of the foreign passport of the child, if already existing.

For the Swedish parent

- Birth certificate*** with name of the parents (Personbevis).
- Certificate*** regarding **civil status** ("single", "divorced" or "widowed") and **residence at time of birth** (Personbevis).
 - o If **divorced**, additionally a **divorce certificate*** (*certified copy of divorce with the confirmation of entry into force (original stamp and signature from the court)*). (*Bevittnad kopia av domslutet med stempel och underskrift i original från tingsrätten att domen har vunnit laga kraft*).
 - o If **widowed**, additional an **Extract from the population register***(Personbevis) from the deceased partner and a legalized copy of the **death certificate*** from the doctor or hospital. Both documents can be ordered from the Swedish Tax Agency.
- Certificate** regarding **change of name and surnames*** (if applicable). Extract of the population register with additional note from the Swedish Tax Agency. The additional note must clearly state the current name, previous name and date of change of name (*Personbevis med komplettering med följande innehåll - nuvarande namn, tidigare namn och datum av namnändringen*).
- A **copy of the Swedish passport** (page with personal data and signature).

For the Swiss parent:

- A **copy of the Swiss passport** (page with personal data and signature).
- If the Swiss parent is not registered as a Swiss Abroad and the child will continue to live in Finland, the child and the foreign parent must be registered in the register of the Swiss Abroad. Information on this subject is published on our [website](#).

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If an entry already exists in the Swiss civil status register, certain documents may no longer be required.

The original documents are 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.

All documents and certificates must be submitted **as originals** (exception: copies of the passports).

All **Swedish documents*** must be stamped and signed from the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). A *Personbevis* with additional note must be ordered by telephone and will only be issued in Swedish.

Translation

Documents in English or Swedish are accepted.

Fees

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

Further information

If civil status documents do not come from Sweden or Switzerland, please contact the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm beforehand. Depending on the origin of the documents, different regulations apply and the processing can take more time.

Please be informed that civil status affairs have to be registered chronologically in the Swiss Civil Register.

All submitted documents and certificates will be verified and sent to the competent authorities in Switzerland for registration in the Swiss Civil Register. A delay of **at least two months** is to be expected until the birth is registered. After this period, the [civil status office](#) responsible for the Swiss national's place of origin can provide information on the status of the registration and issue certificates (such as family certificate or confirmation of birth) upon request. The Regional Consular Centre informs the involved person by email, as soon as the civil status authorities decided about the inscription in the Register.

Only after the completed registration of birth in the Swiss Civil Register, an application for a Swiss passport and/or Identity card may be submitted. The parents may file such an application through the website www.schweizerpass.ch. (Passport and identity card for Swiss citizens living abroad > online application).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm by e-mail or telephone.

Where to obtain the documents

Birth certificate

→ Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket)

Acknowledgment of paternity

→ Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket)

Certificate of civil status

→ Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket)

Certificate of change of name

→ Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket)