



Birth in LATVIA

Births of children to Swiss nationals have to be reported to the responsible Embassy of Switzerland as soon as possible.

The child becomes a Swiss national through registration of the birth in the Swiss Civil Register (Exception: if the child was born before 1 January 2006 to an unmarried Swiss father).

Married parents

The following original documents have to be sent or handed over to the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm:

- Birth certificate** of the child including parents' information (*Dzimšanas apliecība*), not older than six months.
- Copy of the foreign passport of the child, if already existing.
- Copies of both parents' passports (pages with personal data and signature).

The birth certificate has to be submitted as an **original**. Furthermore, it has to be legalized with an **apostille** and accompanied by a **notarized translation** (in German, French or Italian).

Unmarried parents

The following original documents have to be sent or handed over to the Regional Consular Centre in Stockholm:

- Birth certificate*** of the child including parents' information (*Dzimšanas apliecība*), not older than six months.
- Copy of the foreign passport of the child, if already existing.
- Copies of both parents' passports (pages with personal data and signature).
- Confirmation of **acknowledgment of paternity*** (*Izziņa par dzimšanas reģistrāciju*), issued by the competent office (*dzimtsarakstu nodaļa*).

For the Latvian parent:

- Birth certificate*** including parents' information (*Dzimšanas apliecība*) or Reference about the birth* (*Izziņa par dzimšanas reģistrāciju*), not older than six months.
- Certificate*** (*Izziņa*) regarding **civil status** (single, divorced, widowed) and **residence at the time of the child's birth**. The document is issued by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (*Pilsonības un migrācijas lietu pārvalde*).
 - If **divorced**, additionally a divorce certificate* with legal effect note issued by the notary respectively by the court (*Laulības šķiršanas apliecība* respectively *Izraksts no tiesas sprieduma*).
 - If **widowed**, additionally the death certificate* (*Miršanas apliecība*) of the previous spouse.

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- Certificates regarding **changes of first and surnames*** (*Lēmums par personas vārda un/vai uzvārda maiņu*) in case they were ever changed. These certificates must contain the note regarding legal effect and are issued by the Ministry of Justice.
- A **copy of the Latvian 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 Latvia, 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](#).

All documents and certificates must be submitted **as originals** (exception: copies of the passports). All **Latvian documents*** must be legalized with an **apostille** and accompanied by a **notarized translation** (in German, French or Italian).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If civil status documents do not come from Latvia 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.

Generally, civil status documents have to be submitted as originals and cannot be older than six months.

Certificates issued once only will be returned immediately. The rest of the documents are sent to Switzerland and will not be given back. The responsible Swiss authorities reserve the right to request further documents.

In Latvia, the notaries (*Council of Sworn Notaries of Latvia*, www.latvijasnotars.lv) issue apostilles.

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.

Important: 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.

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

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