



## Marriage in LATVIA

Swiss nationals who wish to marry in Latvia must inquire directly with the local authorities for the latest information on the required documents and the procedure.

Marriages abroad of Swiss nationals have to be reported to the responsible Swiss representation as soon as possible.

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

- **Marriage certificate\*** (*Laulības apliecība*), not older than six months.
- **Form** «Questionnaire concerning marriage» (see <https://www.eda.admin.ch/latvia>, Services – Civil status affairs - Marriage and registered partnership).

For the Swiss partner:

- A **copy of the Swiss passport** (page with personal data and signature).

For the Latvian partner:

- **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 before** the marriage. 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.
- 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).

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).

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## 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](http://www.latvijasnotars.lv)) issue apostilles.

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

All submitted documents and certificate will be verified and sent to the competent authorities in Switzerland for registration in the Swiss Civil Registry. A delay of **at least two months** is to be expected until the marriage 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 marriage) 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 Registry.

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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