



Marriage in Malaysia

Swiss nationals who wish to marry in Malaysia must inquire directly with the local authorities ("National Registration Department") for the latest information on the documents required and the procedure. Normally, a certificate of civil status translated by this Regional Consular Center is required. The document cannot be older than six months and can be ordered through this representation.

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 handed over or sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok:

- ❖ **Marriage certificate**, issued by the „National Registration Department of Malaysia“
- ❖ **Swiss passport** of the Swiss spouse

For the Malaysian spouse:

- ❖ **Malaysian passport**
- ❖ New **extract of the birth certificate**, not older than six months, issued by the “National Registration Department of Malaysia”.
- ❖ Legalized copy of the **Malaysian identity card**
- ❖ **Certificate of civil status** (“single”, “divorced” or “widow”) before the marriage, not older than six months
 - Malaysian citizens obtain such document by the “National Registration Department of Malaysia”
 - Malaysian citizens of Muslim faith obtain instead a statutory declaration through a Muslim “Commissioner of Oaths”
 - If divorced, additionally the **divorce decree** (*Decree Nisi Absolute*) or **certificate of divorce**
 - If widowed, additionally the **death certificate** of the previous spouse
- ❖ **Certificates regarding changes of first and surnames** in case they were ever changed

For common children:

- ❖ New **extract of the birth certificate** of the child, not older than six months, issued by the “National Registration Department of Malaysia”
 - If the Swiss father’s information is mentioned on the certificate, no separate acknowledgment of paternity is required.
- ❖ **Foreign passport** of the child, if already existing

Additional information

Malaysia does not distinguish between **first** and **last name**. The Malaysian spouse is therefore asked to provide the desired separation of the name for the Swiss Civil Registry on a separate letter.

All documents and certificates must be submitted as **originals** (exception: copies of the passports will be accepted for postal deliveries). Submission at the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok is possible during counter [opening hours](#) (without appointment) as well as by post. Certificates issued once only will be returned immediately.

The documents which are not already bilingual (Malaysian/English) require a **translation** into English, German, French or Italian by a translation office approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All documents from Malaysia and their translations must be **legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia** before being submitted to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok.

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All submitted documents and certificates will be verified, legalized 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 your place of origin can provide information on the status of the registration and issue certificates (such as confirmation of marriage) upon request.

The Regional Consular Center and the responsible Swiss authorities reserve the right to request further documents.

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

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