



Factsheet - Death in the Cook Islands

Please note: an Apostille is required on all civil status certificates and court documents from the following countries of our consular district: the Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Niue.

To register a death with this Embassy and the authorities in Switzerland, you will need to submit the following documents:

- Death certificate with Apostille issued within the last 6 months. If the document is older, a new document must be ordered and re-issued. Photocopies, scans or certified copies are not accepted;
- Swiss passport and/or ID card of the deceased (for cancellation purposes);
- If an original passport and/or ID card is sent, a prepaid, trackable, self-addressed international courier bag for the safe return of the cancelled documents.

Please note that the death certificate will be sent to Switzerland for registration and cannot be returned to you.

Where to obtain the documents?

Ministry of Justice, Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages
Website www.justice.gov.ck, Email offices@justice.gov.ck
or the Cook Islands High Commission in Wellington for application forms
Phone: +64 4 497 5126 or Email: cookislands@cookhicom.org.nz

Where to obtain the Apostille?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration
P.O. Box 105, 2nd Floor, Cold Store Building, Avarua, Rarotonga (Cook Islands)
Website: www.mfai.gov.ck, Email secfa@mfai.gov.ck
Phone: +682 29 347

Where to send the documents?

Embassy of Switzerland
10 Customhouse Quay
P.O. Box 25004
Wellington 6146
New Zealand

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