



Factsheet - Marriage 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 your marriage with this Embassy and the authorities in Switzerland, you will need to submit the following documents:

- “Cook Islands Certified Copy of Marriage Entry” with Apostille, issued within the last 6 months. If the document is older, a new document must be ordered and re-issued. Photocopies or scans are not accepted;
- Birth certificate of the non-Swiss partner with Apostille, showing the full names of the parents, 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;
- Form [“Additional information to register a Marriage or a Civil Union”](#) signed by both parties within the last 6 months (with place and date);
- If the non-Swiss partner was previously married, the original divorce order with Apostille or a certified copy of the same with Apostille, issued within the last 6 months by the Court which granted the order, with mention of date order made and date order sealed;
- If the non-Swiss partner was previously widowed, an original death certificate of the previous partner 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;
- Duly signed valid passport of the non-Swiss partner or a certified copy of the same issued within the last 6 months by a Notary Public or a Court;
- If an original passport is sent, a prepaid, trackable, self-addressed international courier bag for the safe return of the passport.

Please note that the above-mentioned documents (except the passport) will be sent to Switzerland for registration and cannot be returned to you.

Civil status certificates issued in a different country will be sent for legalisation and translation to the competent Swiss Embassy or Consulate. In some cases, this process is subject to a fee and can take several weeks. In some cases additional documents may be required.

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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