



Marriage to be performed in Cambodia

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Documents to submit in person to your Swiss representation

Please note that the Cambodian authorities are responsible for marriages in Cambodia. The exact procedure is to be clarified directly with these authorities (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia, Ministry of the Interior, district office).

Swiss nationals will have to submit a so-called "**Marriage application**" according to instructions by the Cambodian authorities in order to marry in Cambodia. The procedure for obtaining the mentioned document is as follows:

For the Swiss partner

- Passport**
- Certificate of civil status**, not older than six months
 - The document has to be ordered by the civil status office at the place of origin
- Certificate of residence**, not older than six months
 - The document has to be ordered by the municipality at the place of residence
 - For Swiss nationals registered with a Swiss representation abroad, such document is not necessary
- Proof of income or asset**
 - If employed: employment certificate indicating monthly remuneration, not older than six months (tax records and pay slips are not accepted)
 - If self-employed: extract from the commercial register and bank statement for the last three months
 - If retired: proof of current pension entitlement, not older than six months
- Criminal records excerpt**, not older than six months

For the Cambodian partner

- Cambodian passport**
- Birth certificate** or **extract from the birth certificate** (not older than six months)
 - **Certificate of residence**, not older than six months, issued by the responsible authority at the place of residence (in the cities "Sangkat" or in the provinces "Commune")
- Certificate of civil status** ("single", "divorced" or "widow"), not older than six months
 - The document has to be requested in person by the "Sangkat" or "Commune" of the official place of residence.
 - If divorced, additionally a **divorce decree** and **certificate of legal force** of the sentence
 - If widowed, additionally the **death certificate** of the previous spouse
- Simple copy of the **family book** (no translation needed)
- Certificates regarding changes of first and surnames, issued by the responsible court ("Phnom Penh Municipal Court" resp. "Provincial Court"), in case they were ever changed.

For common children

- Birth certificate** or **extract from the birth certificate** (not older than six months) of the child
 - If the child's mother and the Swiss father had reported the birth of the Cambodian authorities in person and by means of signature/fingerprints, no separate acknowledgment of paternity is required. However,

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this must have been done in the first 30 days after birth otherwise the presence of two witnesses besides the two parents will be needed.

- Otherwise, a **certificate of acknowledgment of paternity** issued by the competent Cambodian authority ("Sangkat" or "Commune") at the place of issuance of the birth certificate is required.

Foreign passport of the child, if already existing

All documents and certificates must be submitted as **originals** by both partners in person at the Regional consular center in **Bangkok** during [counter opening hours](#) (with prior [appointment](#)). Certificates issued once only (e.g. birth certificate) will be returned immediately.

Translation

Documents in Khmer language must be **translated** into French, English, German or Italian:

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Thorough verification

For the **verification** of the Cambodian documents and certificates by a lawyer commissioned by the Regional consular center, additional costs of **at least USD 330.00** will be charged. These fees have to be paid in THB or USD when submitting the documents. The exact amount depends on the number of documents and their place of issuance.

Fees

The **fees** for issuing the "Marriage Application" as well as for processing of the foreign documents and certificates have to be paid in **THB** or **USD** when submitting the documents. They amount to **CHF 190.00** and are in accordance with the Ordinance on the Fees charged by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FeeO FDFA) as well as the Ordinance on the Fees in civil status affairs (ZStGV).

Further information

Prior to the marriage, the Swiss representation can provide information on the choices of family names to be carried after the marriage.

Processing time

Only after verification of the Cambodian documents and certificates can the "Marriage Application" be issued. It may usually be collected from the Consular agency in Phnom Penh during [opening hours](#) **about ten days** after the personal visit to the Regional consular center.