



## Change of name in Finland: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

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- Extract from the population information system in Finland\*** in English, not older than six months.  
The document must contain the following – Personal data, civil status, the change of name with the following information - former name or surnames, date of the change of name - and address.
- If domiciled in Switzerland, a copy of the Certificate of residence.
- A copy of the passport (pages with personal data and signature).

The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and must **not be older than six months**. They will not be returned. Photocopies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

All documents and certificates must be submitted **as originals** (exception: copies of the passports).  
All **Finnish documents\*** must be legalized with an **apostille (see legalization)**.

### Translation

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Documents in English, German, French or Italian are accepted.

### Legalisation

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All Finnish documents\* (marked with \*) must be certified with **an apostille**.  
In Finland, apostilles are issued by the Digital and Population Data Services Agency [www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en](http://www.dvv.fi/en/apostille-en).

### Fees

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Entry of the change of name in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

### Further information

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If civil status documents do not come from Finland 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.

Please be informed that civil status affairs have to be registered chronologically in the Swiss Civil Register. All submitted documents and certificates will be verified and sent to the competent authorities in Switzerland for registration in the Swiss Civil Register. A delay of **at least two months** is to be expected until the change of name 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 upon request.

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The Regional Consular Centre informs the involved person by email, as soon as the civil status authorities decided about the inscription in the Register.

Only after the completed registration of marriage and possible change of name in the Swiss Civil Register, an application for a Swiss passport and/or Identity card may be submitted. You may file such an application through the website [www.schweizerpass.ch](http://www.schweizerpass.ch) (Passport and identity card for Swiss citizens living abroad > online application).

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

## Where to obtain the documents

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Extract from the population information system in Finland.  
→ Digital and Population Data Services Agency