



Death in Bhutan: entry in the Swiss civil status register

February 2022

Documents to submit

- original death certificate (Dzongkha version), issued by the Royal Government of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital
- Swiss identity documents of the deceased (passport and identity card). The voided documents can be returned for commemorative purposes.
- contact information for reaching a member of the surviving family

The original documents will be 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.

Translation

Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated in English.

Legalisation

All foreign civil status documents must be legalised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Thimphu before being submitted to the Swiss representation.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Gyalyong Tshokhang
Thimphu
Bhutan
<http://www.mfa.gov.bt/>

Fees

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

Further information

Once the file is complete, it will be forwarded to Switzerland within 2-3 weeks for the registration in the Swiss central civil registry.