



## After your marriage/partnership performed in Belize: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit to your Swiss representation

#### A) By the Swiss citizen resident in Switzerland:

- Marriage certificate, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.  
or, copy certified by the civil registry, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.
- Passport: 2 photocopies of the page with personal data.
- Address of permanent residence in Switzerland.

#### Swiss citizen registered at the Swiss Embassy in Mexico:

- Apostilled marriage certificate: 1 original + 1 photocopy;  
or, copy certified by the civil registry, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.

#### B) By the non-Swiss spouse/partner:

- Birth certificate, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy;  
or, copy certified by the civil registry, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.  
If you cannot read the names of the parents, please write them on a separate sheet of paper.
- Passport: 2 photocopies of the page with the personal data.
- Affidavit, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.  
Done before a notary public, concerning marital status and domicile at time of marriage.
- Additional information form for the registration of a marriage to provide by this Embassy.

#### If the non-Swiss spouse/partner was previously married:

- Divorce certificate, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy;  
or, marriage certificate with annotation of divorce, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.

#### In case of having minor children now:

- Divorce decree (sentence), apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy;

#### If the foreign spouse is widowed:

- Death certificate of the deceased, apostilled: 1 original + 1 photocopy.

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. The procedure is **free of charge** and can take **up to 6 months**. The **registration of the surname**, for which the data of the Belizean birth certificate is generally used. To apply for a Swiss identity documents you will need to have your civil status updated with the Swiss civil registry. It is not allowed to enter Switzerland for the purpose of taking up residence without the possession of a visa, which requires the **authorization of the competent cantonal migration office**. The visa process is usually done **simultaneously** with the register of marriage. For more information on the visa process, please visit our website in the section of National visas over 90 days. -->[Family reunification visa](#)

### Apostille

#### All Belizean certificates must carry an **APOSTILLE**.

The apostille must be ordered in the corresponding Belizean office.

#### Hours of operation:

Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

#### Telephone service:

Monday to Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 15:00

Friday from 9:00 to 12:00

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