



Death in Nigeria: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- Death Certificate issued by a National Population Commission (NPC)
- Affidavit of Death (**) sworn by the spouse/children of the deceased person at the High Court or Magistrate Court of the (former) place of residence
 - ⇒ ***The Affidavit of Death and the Death certificate have to be issued in the same state***
- Medical Certificate of Cause of Death, issued by hospital/doctor which confirmed the death
- If Swiss citizen: Original Swiss identity documents (passport & identity card) for cancellation (if not yet cancelled before)
- Address and contact details of the surviving relatives/contact person

(**) Declarations + Affidavits from **Benin City (Edo State)** have to be issued for “**International Purposes**” (cost per document NGN 500, must hold signatures of Commissioner of Oath AND Deputy Chief Registrar)

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.

Thorough verification

As a rule, foreign civil status documents to be submitted must undergo a thorough verification of their authenticity by an approved law firm mandated. To this end, please submit the following to the Swiss representation:

- declaration form concerning voluntary verification of foreign civil status documents, duly dated and signed

Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja to find out about the actual fees for the verification of the documents through the Embassy's lawyer.

Additional documents may be required, depending on the conclusions of a lawyer's expert advice or the requirements of the authorities concerned in Switzerland.

The verification of the documents through the lawyer may take several months. The conclusions of the firm's advice are not binding on the civil status authority concerned.

Fees

The fees for this procedure vary (depending on the exchange rate). Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja to enquire about the actual fees.