



Marriage preparation to be performed in Switzerland

July 2022

Documents to submit

From the Mauritian fiancé(e):

- Application for preparatory procedure for marriage**, to be completed and signed at Regional Consular Center (RCC) in Pretoria
- Declaration concerning pre-conditions for entering into marriage**, to be completed and signed at Regional Consular Center (RCC) in Pretoria
- Original, valid passport and two photocopies thereof
- Original birth certificate***, issued by the local Registration Office, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)
- Original affidavit***, made before a Notary Public, declaring your residential address, nationality and marital status, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)

If you previously have been married:

- Original certified copy of the divorce sentence***, issued by the competent Court Supreme of Mauritius, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)
- Original Death Certificate*** of the previous spouse, issued by the Registration Office, **legalized with an Apostille** (see page 2)

Documents from the Swiss fiancé(e) or foreign fiancé(e) living in Switzerland:

- Copy of the Certificate of Civil Status for Swiss Nationals (Personenstandsausweis / Certificat individuel d'état civil / Certificato individuale di stato civile), if available
- Copy of her/his passport
- For foreigners living in Switzerland -> copy of her/his Swiss residence permit

The original certificates are submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and will not be returned (**photocopies or certified copies are not accepted**).

All documents marked with a * **must not be older than six months** (date of issue) at the time of their submission to the Regional Consular Centre (RCC).

Translation

Documents that are issued in English or in a Swiss national language (French, German Italian or Romansch) do not need to be accompanied by a translation

Apostille

The Apostille can be obtained from the Prime Minister's Office, Hôtel du Gouvernement, Port Louis.
<https://govmu.org/EN/infoservices/govadministration/Pages/pmoffice.aspx>

Fees

The Regional Consular Centre (RCC) charges a minimum fee of CHF 230.00, payable in South African Rand (ZAR) for filing the application for marriage. The fees in ZAR may vary according to the exchange rate. Depending of the documents presented, additional costs may arise. Please enquire about the exact fee in ZAR before submitting the documents.

That does not include the fees of the Swiss civil registrar.

Visa

If you intend on taking up residence in Switzerland after marrying you must apply for a visa. The visa procedure is separate from the marriage preparation process and the fees are not included in the above overview.

Please refer to the following website <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/south-africa/en/home/visa/entry-ch.html> for further information and if necessary, contact the Visa section directly (pretoria.visa@eda.admin.ch)

Processing time

It is recommended that the application for marriage preparation and the visa application are submitted at **least 4 – 6 months** before the marriage is planned to take place.

If the foreign fiancé(e) is not a Mauritian citizen, some foreign documents may require prior legalizations from other Swiss representations and this procedure may also involve additional fees, expenses and time.

Further information

It is mandatory that you present yourself in person at the Regional Consular Center (RCC) to hand in your documents. Please contact the RCC in order to make an appointment.

The Swiss/foreign fiancé(e) living in Switzerland has to submit his/her application for marriage preparation at the competent civil registry office in Switzerland.

The civil registry office in Switzerland in the town or city where the marriage is going to take place is solely responsible for specifying and processing the required documents. **Additional documents may be required.**

If a **citizen of a different country is concerned or an event took place outside of Mauritius**, please contact the Regional Consular Centre Southern Africa (RCC).

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