



## Birth of a child in Sri Lanka to parents who are not married Registration in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

- Child's original birth certificate** or **original extract of the birth registry**
- 2 copies of the **foreign passport** of the child (if available)
- Original official decree** establishing filiation or recognition of paternity

**If one of the parents is not a Swiss citizen and is not yet registered in the Swiss civil status register, please submit the following:**

- Certified extract of the birth registry**
- Original civil status record** at the time of your child's birth:
  - a) certificate establishing that you are unmarried (Affidavit on a stamped paper)*
  - b) divorce decree that specifies when it entered into force*
  - c) dissolution decree that specifies when it entered into force*
  - d) death certificate of deceased spouse/ partner*

**Original certificate of current residence**

**Copy of passport**

The Swiss representation in Colombo will forward the original documents to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland. Documents must not be older than six months (if they are older than six months please check with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs if they can still be certified/legalized).

**The documents 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 must be translated into English.

## Legalisation

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All foreign civil status documents and the respective English translations must be legalised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka before being submitted to the Swiss representation:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Consular affairs division  
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Colombo 01  
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<https://mfa.gov.lk/document-attestation/>

## Fees

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Registration of a birth in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

## Further information

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The processing of the documents may take up to three months.