Visa Section

## National visa D for the purpose of celebration of marriage with residency

The process involves:	
1) Preparation of marriage	
Chancery of the Regional Consular Center / Civil registry authority in Switzerland	
&	
2) Application for a national visa D	
Visa Section of the Regional Consular Center / Migration office in Switzerland	
Applicants who wish to marry in Switzerland <b>must complete the marriage preparation procedure</b> at the <b>chancery</b> of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok. <u>Information can be found on our webpage</u> . For further questions, please email the <b>chancery</b> of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok at the following address: <u>bangkok.cc@eda.admin.ch</u>	
After finishing civil status matters with the chancery, <b>visa applications</b> may directly be submitted at the counter of the visa section of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok, 35 North Wireless Road (Thanon Witthayu Nuea), Lumphini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330: Map	
Opening hours are Monday - Friday, 09h00 - 11h30, please book an appointment:	
Please note any <u>Public holidays</u> .	
3x Application form for a National Visa D: <a href="https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html">https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html</a> <ul> <li>fully completed</li> <li>dated and personally signed</li> </ul>	
4x recent, identical passport photo, 3.5 x 4 cm, good quality, in colour, neutral light background (head size 70 - 80 % of the photo)	
Valid passport at least 90 days beyond the date of intended entry, at least 2 blank pages	
Two photocopies of the passport - Name page	
2x photocopies of the Swiss Passport or the resident permit of the partner residing in Switzerland	
It would be advisable, but not absolutely mandatory (the final decision lies with the cantonal migration office), to submit a <b>Thai police clearance report in English</b> .	
Police Clearance Service Center, Special Branch Bureau, Section 3, Royal Thai Police Rama I, Rd. Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330. Tel. +66 2 205 2168-9, pcsc@police.go.th.	
Further documents	
Additional documents may be asked directly from the competent Migration Office. In this case, the document must be submitted directly to the Migration Office and not to the Embassy.	
Fees	
Visa application-handling fees levied by the Regional Consular Center are published <u>here</u> .	

## **Procedure**

- **Civil status documents** are forwarded once a week by the **chancery** to the civil registry office competent for the celebration of the marriage in Switzerland.
- The visa applications are sent by the Visa section once a week to the migration office competent for the place of residence of the partner in Switzerland.
- The overall process may take 8 to 12 weeks and information regarding the processing time is exclusively given by the authorities in Switzerland.
- > The partner in Switzerland is generally informed by the Swiss civil registry office as soon as the marriage can take place
- Once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted, the partner in Switzerland receives a confirmation entitled "Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung" or "Autorisation habilitant les representations suisses à délivrer un visa".

## **Collection of Visa**

The Visa D is delivered by the Swiss Regional Consular Center in Bangkok.

Please <u>book an appointment in advance</u> and bring the following documents during <u>opening hours</u> (by the applicant or a third person):

- original passport
- copy of the "authorization to Enter Switzerland"

If possible, the visa will be issued immediately.