



## Marriage in Myanmar

Swiss nationals who wish to marry in Myanmar must contact the local authorities directly for the latest information on the documents required and the procedure.

Marriages of Swiss citizens abroad have to be reported to the competent Swiss representation as soon as possible. To register a marriage that took place in Myanmar, the following original documents have to be handed over or sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok:

For the Myanmar partner as well as for the Swiss national living in Myanmar, the process is as follows:

<p><b>1.</b> Documents and certificates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Marriage certificate</b>, issued by the court or the competent civil status office</li></ul> <p><u>For the Swiss partner:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Swiss passport</b></li></ul> <p><u>For the Myanmar partner:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>Birth certificate/Born Alive Certificate</b> issued by the Township Public Health Department, or the Hospital Medical Record Department with signature of the Township Medical Officer, or the Township Health Officer at the place where you were born Myanmar passport</li><li>❖ <b>National Registration Card (NRC)</b></li><li>❖ <b>Household Member List/Family Member List</b>, issued by the local immigration office</li><li>❖ <b>Certificate of Residence</b>, a Ward Recommendation Letter with your home address, issued by the Ward Administration Officer</li><li>❖ <b>Statutory Declaration on civil status</b> ("single", "divorced" or "widow"), not older than six months, issued by the competent court<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If divorced, additionally a <b>divorce decree</b> and <b>certificate of legal force</b> of the sentence</li><li>○ If widowed, additionally the <b>death certificate</b> of the previous spouse</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Certificates regarding changes of first names</b>, issued by the Department of Immigration</li></ul> <p><u>For common children:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ New <b>extract of the birth certificate</b> of the child</li><li>❖ <b>Passport</b> of the child, if existing</li><li>❖ Recognition of paternity if possible</li></ul>
<p><b>2.</b> Translation and Legalization</p>	<p>All Documents in Myanmar language except the passport must be <b>translated</b> into English by a Notary Public. The translation has then to be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar.</p> <p>Once all documents and translations were arranged, please provide a scan to the Regional Consular Center Bangkok to the following email address: <a href="mailto:bangkok.cc@eda.admin.ch">bangkok.cc@eda.admin.ch</a></p> <p>This is required to verify whether all documents are coherent and to calculate an advance for verification of the originals.</p> <p>All documents and certificates are verified by a lawyer. The costs for the verification are approximately <b>USD 500</b>. The exact amount depends on the number of documents and the place of issue. The amount can be transferred to the account of the embassy in Bangkok or paid in cash at the embassy in Yangon.</p>

<p><b>3.</b>  Legalization by  the Swiss  Embassy</p>	<p>All documents and certificates must be submitted as <b>originals</b> at the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok during <a href="#">counter opening hours</a> or to the Swiss Embassy in Yangon prior appointment. Certificates issued once only (e.g. birth certificate) will be returned immediately.</p> <p>Myanmar does not distinguish between <b>first</b> and <b>last name</b>. The national of Myanmar is therefore asked to provide the desired separation of the names for the Swiss Civil Registry on a separate letter.</p> <p>Prior to the marriage, the Swiss representation can provide information on the choices of <b>family names</b> to be carried after the marriage.</p>
<p><b>4.</b>  Marriage  registration</p>	<p>After verification, the documents will be legalized and sent to the competent civil status authorities for registration in the civil registry in Switzerland. A delay of <b>at least two months</b> is to be expected before the marriage is registered. The civil registry office responsible for your place of origin will provide information on the status of registration and issue official documents upon request for a fee after registration.</p> <p>The Regional Consular Center as well as the cantonal civil status authorities reserve the right to demand further documents or verifications.</p>
<p><b>5.</b>  Travel to /  residence in  Switzerland</p>	<p>Myanmar nationals need a visa to travel to Switzerland or to take up residency. In the event of a travel as a tourist or take up residency in Switzerland, a visa application should be submitted at the counters of the Visa Department of the Regional Consular Center. For detailed information, please consult this representation's <a href="#">website</a> and/or contact the Visa Department at the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:bangkok.visa@eda.admin.ch">bangkok.visa@eda.admin.ch</a>.</p>

Should you need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by e-mail or telephone.

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