



Death in New Zealand

To register a death with the authorities in Switzerland, please provide the following documents:

- Death certificate**
 - issued within the last 6 months. If the document is older, a new document must be ordered
 - photocopies, scans or certified copies will not be accepted
 - will not be returned to you
- Swiss passport and/or ID card** of the deceased (if applicable)
 - for cancellation purposes
- A prepaid, trackable, self-addressed courier bag**
 - If you would like the cancelled passport / ID returned

Important information

Upon receipt of the relevant documents, we will translate and legalise the documents and forward them to the appropriate authority in Switzerland, so that the family details can be updated in the Swiss central system (Infostar); this takes on average 3-4 months.

The civil registrar authorities in Switzerland can request additional documentation.

Where to obtain the documents?

Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)
Births, Deaths and Marriages,
PO Box 10526
Wellington 6143
Website www.bdm.govt.nz

Where to send the documents?

Embassy of Switzerland
10 Customhouse Quay
P.O. Box 25004
Wellington 6140
New Zealand