



Preparation for Marriage in Switzerland

between **a Swiss national**
and **a Sri Lankan national resident in Sri Lanka**
+ Visa application for family reunion

Applicant must come to the Embassy of Switzerland in person by prior appointment only. To fix an appointment, please call or write:

- Tel: +94 11 269 12 20 from Monday to Thursday, 2pm - 4pm
- E-Mail: colombo.etatcivil@eda.admin.ch

Documents must not be older than six months.

All Sri Lankan documents and their respective English translations must be certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka.

Make sure that the spelling of your name in your passport is correct !

- o **Certified extract of the Birth Certificates** of the Sri Lankan partner and respective English translation + 1 copy of both documents
- o **Original Certificate on Residence and Character** of the Sri Lankan partner (obtained from the "Grama Niladhari" of the area of his permanent residence) and respective English translation + 1 copy of both documents
- o **Original Civil Status Certifications (Affidavit on a "Stamped Paper")** of the Sri Lankan partner and respective English translation + 1 copy of both documents.

Following data has to be mentioned:

- Full name(s), date and place of birth, nationality
- Marital status (single, divorced, widowed)
- Full name(s) of both partners and their place of permanent residence (full address)
- The Affidavit must be attested by a Justice of the Peace or by a Commissioner of the Oaths (their full address and registration number must be stated very clearly) and certified by the Ministry of Justice of Sri Lanka
- o Divorced Sri Lankan partner:
 - **Certified extract of the Divorce Decree Nisi** issued by the Court and respective English translation
 - **Certified extract of the Divorce Decree Absolute** issued by the court and respective English translation + 1 copy of all documents
- o Widowed Sri Lankan partner:
 - **Certified extract of the Death Certificate** and respective English translation + 1 copy of both documents
- o **2 copies of the Passport** of each partner
- o **2 copies of the "Wohnsitzbescheinigung / Certificat de domicile"** of the Swiss partner
- o **2 copies of "Personenstandsausweis" / "Certificat individuel d'état civil"** of the Swiss partner
- o **Form "Additional questions"** filled by the Swiss partner

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- **3 National visa application forms** (type D) duly completed and signed
- <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>
- **4 passport size Photographs** of the visa applicant
- **Original Passport** of the visa applicant + 2 copies (only bio and amendment pages)
- **Original Police Clearance Certificate** of the visa applicant obtained from the Police Headquarters in Colombo + 2 copies

Please note that all submitted documents will be sent to Switzerland.
In addition to the above-mentioned documents, the officer may request further documents.
The processing of the documents may take up to three months.
Information regarding the progress of an application can be requested by email only.
General information can be downloaded from the Embassy's website www.eda.admin.ch/colombo

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