



Information Visa for Family Reunion (Marriage in Bangladesh) (National / Visa D) for Switzerland and Liechtenstein

Important for applicants:

- Reunification with the parents or foreign spouse living in **Switzerland or Liechtenstein**
- Reunification with the Swiss spouse if marriage **is already registered in Switzerland**. In case the **marriage has not been officially registered yet**, please refer to our website under “marriage registration”.

Applicants with marriage intentions are not concerned by this guidance and will find the necessary requirements on the following website under “Marriage to be performed in Switzerland”:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/sri-lanka/en/home/services/zivstand/heirat-eingetragene-partnerschaft/heirat>

Procedure:

The application documents must be submitted in person to the Embassy of Switzerland, which will forward them to the competent authorities in Switzerland. Application forms are available free of charge at the premises of the Embassy or can be downloaded from the link

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>

It is mandatory to fix an appointment by e-mail (dhaka.visa@eda.admin.ch) prior to submission of the application.

- Arrange an additional **1 set of photocopies** of all the supporting documents **as per the checklist order**.
- Keep all the originals of the supporting documents separately. Original documents must be shown at the counter.
- All the photocopies of the documents should be in **size A4**. These photocopies are part of the application and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Do not staple the documents together.
- All the applicants must print this checklist and mark the appropriate box on the right-hand side.
- Documents in Bengali must be presented with an official translation in one of the following languages: English, German, French or Italian.

***Submit the documents in the following order and mark accordingly: 	√	X	n/a
1. Three application forms for long stay visa (visa D) which must be filled in and signed by the applicant (write in block letters and use black or blue ink only). Including recent passport-size photographs (less than 6 months old) glued on each form.	☐	☐	☐
2. One identical clear and colour passport-size photo unglued (with white/light background; must be taken within the last six months)	☐	☐	☐
3. Valid passport and previous passports: • Current passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended departure. • Copy of the bio page & amendment page should be annexed to the application form. • Passport must contain at least two blank pages. • Previous passport/s (if available) or a police report if the previous passport is lost	☐	☐	☐
4. Invitation letter regarding family reunification from person living in Switzerland confirming that applicant will take residence in his/her household in Switzerland (PDF file by email as below mentioned, duly dated, signed and mentioning address, personal details of involved family members & scan of passport and residence permit of person living in Switzerland)	☐	☐	☐
5. Proof of language skills (A1) or proof of registration for language training to be handed over at the future place of residence in Switzerland (German, French, Italian). Further information available on: https://www.fide-info.ch/en/sprachnachweise	☐	☐	☐
6. Sketch/Hand drawn map of the home address in Bangladesh for applicant and spouse.	☐	☐	☐

***Submit the documents in the following order and mark accordingly: 	√	X	n/a
7. Full Birth Certificate or Extract from the Birth Register: The birth certificate must be issued by the competent local authorities of the place of birth. Date of registration, volume, page, and serial number of the register must be mentioned on the certificate or extract. The document must be issued on official letterhead paper normally used by the competent local authority i.e. Chairman of Union Parishad (Union Council) or Ward Commissioner, or Municipal Committee / Municipal Corporation. The extract from the birth register must be stamped, signed and dated by the competent issuing authority.	☐	☐	☐
6. Unmarried Certificate / Marital Status Certificate: The document <u>must not be older than six months</u> and must be issued by the competent local authority (Chairman of Union Parishad, or Ward Commissioner, or Municipal Committee, or Municipal Corporation) of the birthplace or that of the latest residence of the applicant in Bangladesh. This document must be stamped and signed by the competent issuing authority. → For individuals who were never married prior to the marriage, the text should state 'was never married before (date of marriage).' → An affidavit alone is not sufficient and will not be accepted by the Embassy.	☐	☐	☐
7. Domicile Certificate: This document <u>must not be older than six months</u> and must be issued by the competent authorities in Bangladesh local authority.	☐	☐	☐
8. Marriage-Documents: <u>Muslim marriage:</u> - Nikah Nama (in Bangla and in English) and Marriage Certificate (in English). - Proof of Change of Religion, if applicable (Conversion) issued by a recognized Moulana / Imam (the names and full addresses of at least two witnesses must be mentioned on the document) ➤ No affidavit of conversion can be accepted. <u>Hindu, Buddhist or Christian marriage:</u> - Official Certificate issued by the Priest (Christian), Monk (Buddhist) or Purohit (Hindu) or Affidavit issued by the "Court for Marriages" (incl. signatures of husband and wife as well as witnesses) ➤ Bride and groom must inform/confirm the Embassy about their chosen family name after the marriage.	☐	☐	☐
9. Divorce Documents (if a former marriage was divorced): <i>The following papers issued by the competent authorities are part of a unilateral divorce procedure:</i> - Original Nikah Nama (in Bangla) - Original Notice of Divorce (in English) - Original Arbitration (in Bangla & English) - Original Talak Nama (in Bangla & English), also called Talak-E-Tofweez - Divorce Certificate (in English) - Marital Status Certificate (for the period between divorce and new marriage) <i>The following papers are part of a mutual divorce procedure:</i> - Original Nikah Nama (in Bangla) - Divorce Certificate (in English) - Affidavit, signed by ex-husband and ex-wife - Marital Status Certificate (for the period between divorce and new marriage)	☐	☐	☐
10. Additional documents for widow or widower: - Death certificate of previous spouse (issued by the competent authority of the place of death) - Marital Status Certificate (for the period between death and new marriage)	☐	☐	☐
11. Children from a previous marriage, accompanying applicant: - Full Birth certificate (see above) - Original passport (current and all previous) - Domicile Certificate - Court Decree relating to the guardianship of the children	☐	☐	☐
12. Recent police clearance certificate maximum six months old on the day of submission (applicable for the applicants who are more than 16 years old)	☐	☐	☐

***Submit the documents in the following order and mark accordingly: →	√	X	n/a
12. Required documents from the person living in Switzerland: • Copy of passport, dual nationals also hand in a copy of their Bangladeshi passport • Photocopy of NID • If not a Swiss citizen, photocopy of residence permit • Original Birth certificate • If previously divorced, copy of the divorce certificate • 1 recent passport-sized photograph (less than 6 months old)	☐	☐	☐

Submission of Documents

- Visa Fees (non-refundable / amount subject to change without prior notice). please see separate document/pricelist on website <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/bangladesh/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/fees-national.html>
- All documents must be submitted in original. Photocopies are not accepted.
- All original civil documents must be apostilled.
- The above-mentioned documents must be clipped together (not stapled) in the order as listed above.
- **2 identical sets must be submitted (1 set in original and 1 set photocopies) for each applicant.**
- Only complete applications can be accepted. The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents/information not mentioned in the list above upon the application. The presentation of complete documents does not create a legal right for the issuing of the visa applied for.
- Please note that in addition to the above-mentioned documents the Swiss Embassy may request you to submit further documents.
- Information regarding the progress of an application will not be entertained by this Embassy.

Optional: Voluntary Verification of Civil Status Documents

- It is possible to ask the Embassy of Switzerland for a voluntary verification of the submitted civil status and marriage related documents.
- The voluntary verification process must be requested by the applicant during the submission of the documents. A written authorization document, which will be provided at the counter, must be signed by the visa applicant. Please note that a voluntary verification process requires an advance payment in cash by the visa applicant. The exact amount will be calculated as per work involved in the verification and will be around **65'000 – 100'000 BDT**. The fees are non-refundable and subject to change without prior notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications will only be accepted and processed after submission of all documents.

The Embassy will then forward the visa application to the competent authority in Switzerland for decision. The application **process will take approximately 3-4 months**. Once the applicant has received the authorization from the Cantonal authority, he/she may bring a copy of the authorization to the Embassy with his/her passport on their scheduled appointment date. The Embassy will then process the visa within 5 days.

After entering Switzerland

You must register yourself with the residents' registration office not longer than 14 days after your entry into Switzerland.

Dhaka, 20.11.2025

Bay's Edgewater, 8th Floor
Plot 12, North Avenue
Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212

Phone +880 2 55 05 1601, Fax +880 2 55 05 1614
dhaka.visa@eda.admin.ch, www.eda.admin.ch/dhaka