



Visa for marriage in Switzerland

(take up residence in Switzerland)

Important Information

The information sheets for marriage in Switzerland are available [here](#).

All required documents for the preparation of the marriage must first be submitted to the chancery of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok [during the opening hours](#).

Only after these formalities have been completed can the visa application for taking up residence after marriage be submitted to the visa section of the Regional Consular Centre in Bangkok. An appointment for the visa is not required if the visa application is submitted on the same day. The applicant's appearance in person is mandatory.

Documentary requirements

- **Three [visa application form](#)**
("Application for a long stay visa D") duly filled out, dated and signed by the applicant
- **[Four identical passport photos](#)**
made within the last 3 months in colour with neutral light background, 3.5 – 4 cm in width, head takes up 70-80% of surface
- **Passport**
valid at least three months after the planned entry date in the Schengen territory, at least two blank pages
- **Three photocopies of the passport**
personal data page
- **Criminal record**
Original with two photocopies. To be ordered at the Province People's Court. The record needs to be translated into English or French by the Ministry of Justice and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ministry of Justice: Nonsaart Village, Saythany District, Vientiane Capital,

Tel: (+856) 21-414101-07

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consul Department, Sibounheuang Road, Ban

Sibounheuang, Chanthaboury Dist, Vientiane, Tel: (+856) 21-243524.

Fees

[Here](#) you can find the visa application-handling fee levied by the Regional Consular Center.

Procedure

The civil status documents will be forwarded by diplomatic courier to the civil registry office competent for the celebration of the marriage. The visa application will be submitted to the cantonal migration office competent for the Swiss partner's place of residence. The process may take several months. Information regarding the processing time will be given by the authorities in Switzerland only. In general, the Swiss partner is informed by the civil registry office as soon as the marriage can take place.

Once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted (form „*Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung*“ or “*Autorisation habilitant les représentations Suisses à délivrer un visa*”), the passport can be submitted to the [Swiss Consular Agency in Laos](#) by the applicant or by an authorized third person during the [opening hours](#). Please arrange an appointment in advance: vientiane.ca@eda.admin.ch / +856 21 251 794. The passport will be sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by weekly courier with [postage fee](#) for the issuance of the visa and returned to Vientiane usually the following week. The exact pick up date of the passport will be communicated to you by the Swiss Consular Agency in Laos.

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