



## Marriage to be performed in Switzerland

January 2025

The partner living in Switzerland should contact the civil registry office of his or her place of residence for general information about the process.

### Documents to submit in person to your Swiss representation

The following documents must be submitted by the Philippine national getting married in Switzerland in **original** with one photocopy:

#### From the Philippine partner:

- ☐ **Valid passport**
- ☐ **Birth Certificate\*** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and with Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), not older than six months

*\*If birth was registered late (more than 30 days after the date of birth) submit the following additional documents and provide address and phone number of the issuing authorities:*

- ☐ Birth Certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar's Office
- ☐ Original Certificate of Baptism
- ☐ Original Grade Card, Transcript of Record or other school certificates

The following must be submitted according to your civil status:

#### Single:

- ☐ **Certificate of no marriage "CENOMAR"** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and with Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), not older than six months

#### Widowed:

- ☐ **Certificate of Advisory on Marriages "CEMAR"** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and with Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), not older than six months
- ☐ **Death Certificate** of former spouse, issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and with Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)

#### Foreign divorce/annulled marriage:

- ☐ **Certificate of Advisory on Marriages "CEMAR"** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and with Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), not older than six months
  - ☐ **Annotated Marriage Certificate** issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and with Apostille from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
  - ☐ **Certified true copy of Court Decision/Order/Decree** and **Certificate of Finality** of the annulment/recognition of foreign divorce of marriage, with Apostille from the DFA and translated into any Swiss Language (German, French or Italian)
- ☐ **Certificate of residence**, not older than six months  
This document is called **cedula or Community Tax Certificate**.

#### From the Swiss partner:

☐ **Copy of valid passport**

The partner residing in Switzerland should send a clear copy of the passport to the partner in the Philippines.

☐ **Copy of certificate of residence**, not older than six months

This document must be ordered from the civil or municipal authority of the place of residence. It is called "Wohnsitzbestätigung", in German, "Certificat de domicile", in French and "Certificato de domicilio" in Italian.

The documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and will not be returned. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

#### For other nationals residing in the Philippines

Please contact the Embassy.

#### E-Apostille and e-certificates

Apostille is required for all Philippine civil registry documents to be used in Switzerland.

The Philippines now issues e-Apostilles and e-Certificates. However, the competent authorities in Switzerland may still request for the original and physical documents.

#### Appointment

Please contact the Embassy by email to schedule an appointment: [manila@eda.admin.ch](mailto:manila@eda.admin.ch)

#### Personal appearance

The partner residing in the Philippines is required to submit the documents personally at the Embassy.

The Swiss national registered at the Embassy is requested to appear personally and lodge his or her request for preparation for marriage, and can start the application with his or her passport only.

The Swiss national residing in Switzerland has to contact the competent civil registry office for his or her place of residence OR the Swiss national residing abroad (outside the Philippines) has to contact the Swiss representation of the country of residence.

#### Thorough verification

The authenticity of the Philippine documents will be verified with the competent local authorities before transmission to the competent civil status office in Switzerland.

Additional verification, documents and fees may be required through an external service.

The procedure for marriage application in Switzerland can be completed in 4 to 6 months minimum, if all documents are in order.

#### Fees

An advance payment of **PHP 35'000.00**, payable by debit/credit card, GCash or in cash, is required upon submission of the documents. Any remaining balance will be returned to the applicant upon

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completion of the procedure. If the advance payment cannot cover the additional fees charged by the Swiss authority, an additional payment will be required.

## Further information

- Please note that incomplete documents will not be accepted.
- For documents which require a translation, you may contact an official translator of your choice, or you may refer to our list of translators:  
<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/philippines/en/home/services/uebersetzer.html>
- Philippine nationals need a visa to enter Switzerland.  
The [Checklist for National Visa: Visa for marriage and migration](#) provides information about visa application.
- If either of the partners was previously married in the Philippines and a divorce was validly obtained abroad, the divorce should generally be judicially recognized first before getting married again. It is advisable to consult a private lawyer to file a petition for recognition of foreign divorce with the responsible Regional Trial Court in the Philippines. Annulment of the marriage by the court can also be considered.