



## Civil status matters in North Cyprus

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The international community, with the exception of Turkey, does not recognize the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus TRNC as a state. It should therefore be noted that for the registration of civil status matters in Northern Cyprus, the documents will be sent to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland without legalization of the Regional Consular Center Greece / Cyprus. The cantonal supervisory authority in civil status responsible for your hometown will ultimately decide whether these foreign documents will be recognized in Switzerland.

The original documents are submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and must not be older than six months. They can be returned on written request only prior to being sent to Switzerland.

**Important:** Photocopies and coloured scans legalised by a lawyer or another authority are not accepted. By request of the competent authorities in Switzerland, additional documents may be required, if necessary.

### Translation

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Documents that are not in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated.

### Emoluments

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No fees will be charged.

### Further information

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- All original documents must be accompanied by a photocopy.
- The documents must be sent by registered mail or by courier service in order to prevent any loss.
- The registration takes about 2-3 months, depending on the canton.