



Adoption India: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- original birth certificate (issued by the registrar for births) of the child/confirmation of birth or birth date affidavit issued by the orphanage
- original deed of adoption
- original court order “certificate for permission to adopt the minor under section 41(6) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and protection of children act)” approving the adoption of the child
- original “Non Objection certificate NOC”, issued by the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA)
- original “Certificate of Conformity of Intercountry Adoption”, issued by the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA)
- copies of the passports of the adoptive parents
- Indian passport of the child (the child can only exit India with an Indian passport)
- 2 passport sized photographs of the child
<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/india/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/documents-national.html>
- Visa application from “D”, to be signed by the adoptive parents
<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/india/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/documents-national.html>

The original documents have to be submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and must not be older than six months. Photocopies are not accepted.

Translation

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

Legalisation

Indian civil status documents have to be legalised by the Home Ministry of the state where the certificate has been issued. Thereafter they have to be legalised with an apostille by the Ministry of External Affairs before being submitted to the Swiss representation. Please find the contact details of the Legalisation/Apostille offices here: <https://www.mea.gov.in/apostille.htm>

Fees

Entry of adoption in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

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