



After your marriage performed in Iraq: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

Original Marriage Certificate

- if one of the spouse/partner is a Swiss citizen and domiciled in Switzerland, a copy of their Swiss individual civil status certificate
- copy of the valid passport of your spouse or partner (male or female) not yet entered into the Register of the Swiss Abroad
- address of spouses/partners

For spouses/partners (male or female) who are not Swiss citizens:

- Original Birth Certificate ("Copy of entry 1957")** international form English/Arabic,
- Original Iraqi Identity Card **before** marriage (if available)
- Original Iraqi Identity Card **after** marriage

Original Nationality certificate

- Original Iraqi national Identity Card. This card is currently issued by some governorates and substitutes the identity card and nationality certificate.

- If the civil status of the Iraqi spouse wasn't "single" before the marriage, the following documents have to be additionally submitted:
 - a) If **divorced**: Original divorce certificate
 - b) If **widowed**: Original death certificate

Original Non-Conviction Certificate

- Electronic Personal register
- Proof of Residency including an official translation.

Be aware: If the marriage was done through a power of attorney (the spouse living in Switzerland was represented by a family member or lawyer), then a translated and legalized power of attorney must be submitted. This document is normally legalized by the Iraqi Embassy in Bern.

The original documents are submitted to the civil status authority concerned in Switzerland and **must not be older than six months**. They will not be returned. Photocopies are not accepted. Additional documents may be required if necessary.

Residency in Switzerland:

In addition to the below mentioned civil status documents, 3 x visa applications (form D / Long Stay), the Iraqi passport in original and 3 x copies, 3 x identical passport photos are required for the registration of the marriage and family reunion in Switzerland.

(The passport must be issued within the last 10 years; with at least 3 months validity and with at least 2 blank pages.)

Translation

All documents, including ID cards, which are not in a Swiss national language, must be accompanied by an official translation.

Legalisation

All Iraqi documents including ID cards and proof of nationality must be authenticated by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad. This also applies to translations.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Baghdad

Fees

The total fee for marriage registration is CHF 250.00 (with visa: CHF 315.00), payable in cash in local currency (JOD) when submitting the documents. If a person has Swiss nationality, the marriage registration is free of charge.