



Visa for family reunion (children of foreign spouses)

The visa application can be submitted at the counter of the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane during the [opening hours](#). An appointment is not required for family members of Swiss and EU citizens. The appearance in person of the child accompanied by the parental authority or legal guardian is mandatory.

Documentary requirements

- **Three [visa application forms](#)** (“Application for a long stay visa D”) duly filled out, dated and signed by parental authority/legal guardian
- **Four passport-sized pictures**
recently made color pictures, 3.5 - 4 cm in width, neutral light background, head takes up 70-80% of the 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
- **Birth certificate (*)**
original with three photocopies
- **Family book (*)**
original with three photocopies
- **Change of name certificates, if applicable (*)**
original with three photocopies
- If the parents of the child were single at the time of birth: **Proof of child custody (*)**, issued by the chief of village and approved by the competent district authorities, original with three photocopies
- If the parents of the child were divorced at the time of birth: **Extract from divorce register with notation of child custody (*)**, original with three photocopies
- If the parent is widowed: **Death certificate (*)**, original with three photocopies

Legalization and translation of documents issued by Laotian authorities

Documents issued by Laotian authorities (*) must be translated into English or French by the Ministry of Justice and legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Original documents are returned to the applicant immediately.

Ministry of Justice: Lane-Xang Avenue (Opposite Patuxay Monument) Vientiane
Tel: 856-21-451920

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.

Procedure

The visa application will be sent to Bangkok by weekly courier and submitted by the Regional Consular Center to the cantonal Migration Office competent for the place of residence of the parental authority/legal guardian in Switzerland. The process may take several months. Information regarding the processing time can be given by the cantonal migration office only. In general, the parental authority/legal guardian is informed by the cantonal migration office once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted for the child (form „Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung“ or “Autorisation habilitant les représentations Suisses à délivrer un visa”). The passport can then be submitted to the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane by the applicant or by an authorized third person during the opening hours without prior appointment. The passport will be sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by weekly courier [with costs](#) for the issuance of the visa and returned to Vientiane the following week. The exact pick up date of the passport will be communicated to you by the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane.

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