



## Death of a Swiss citizen or spouse of a Swiss citizen in Zimbabwe: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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### Documents to submit

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- Original Certificate of Death\***, issued by the Registrar General of Births and Deaths, **legalized** by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe (see rubric “Legalization”)
- Original Swiss passport or ID card of the deceased Swiss citizen for cancellation, if available

The original certificate is submitted to the competent civil status authority in Switzerland and will not be returned in principle (**photocopies or certified copies are not accepted**).

All documents marked with a \* **must not be older than six months** (date of issue) at the time of their submission to the Regional Consular Centre (RCC).

### Translation

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Documents that are not in English must be translated into a Swiss national language (German, French, Italian or Romansch).

### Legalization

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The legalization on civil status documents can be obtained at the following local authority:

#### Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Website: <http://www.zimfa.gov.zw/index.php/contact/contact-details>

### Fees

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Entry of the death in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge, however in certain cases fees can occur. If this is the case, you will be informed accordingly

### Further information

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If the documents are sent by mail: Please include a cover letter mentioning your personal and contact details. It is however strongly recommended to use a private courier company.

Please contact the Regional Consular Centre Southern Africa (RCC) at the Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria if the **death took place outside of Zimbabwe**.

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