



Visa for celebration of marriage in Switzerland with take up of residence over 90 days (applies also to same gender)

!! Important information !!

The process involves:

- 1) The Civil Status Offices in Switzerland (Chancery – **First step**)
&
- 2) The Migration Offices in Switzerland (Visa Section – **Second step**)

First Step:

Applicants who wish to marry in Switzerland **must complete the marriage preparation procedure** at the **chancery** of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok. An appointment is mandatory and can be booked online [here](#).

Information sheets and lists of required documentation are available in German, French and Thai [here](#).

For further questions, please email the **chancery** of the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok at the following address: bangkok.cc@eda.admin.ch

Second step:

After finishing civil status matters with the chancery, **visa applications** may directly be submitted at the counter of the visa section, **on the same day, without prior appointment**. Requirements below.

Documentary requirements for a national visa type D application

- **3 national (type D) [visa application forms](#)** duly completed, dated and signed by the applicant
- **4 identical [passport photos](#)** made within the last 3 months in color with neutral light background. The head must take up 70-80% of the surface
- **Passport of the applicant**
 - must be valid at least 3 months after the planned arrival date in Switzerland
 - must contain at least 2 blank pages
- **2 photocopies** of the personal data page of the passport of the applicant
- **2 photocopies of the Swiss Passport or the resident permit of the partner residing in Switzerland**
- It would be advisable, but not mandatory, to submit a **Thai police clearance report in English**. [Police Clearance Service Center](#), Special Branch Bureau, Section 3, Royal Thai Police Rama I, Rd. Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330. Tel. +66 2 205 2168-9, pcsc@police.go.th.

N.B.: *Additional documents may be asked directly from the competent Migration Office. In this case, the document must be submitted directly to the Migration Office and not to the Embassy*

Fees

Visa application-handling fees levied by the Regional Consular Center are published [here](#)

Procedure

- **Civil status documents** are forwarded once a week by the **chancery** to the civil registry office competent for the celebration of the marriage in Switzerland this may take up to 4 weeks to reach the competent office in Switzerland.
- **The visa applications** are sent by the **Visa section** once a week to the migration office competent for the place of residence of the partner in Switzerland. This may take up to 4 weeks to reach the competent office in Switzerland.
- The overall process may take 8 to 12 weeks and information regarding the processing time is exclusively given by the authorities in Switzerland.
- The partner in Switzerland is generally informed by the Swiss civil registry office as soon as the marriage can take place.
- Once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted, the partner in Switzerland receives a confirmation entitled "*Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung*" or "*Autorisation habilitant les représentations suisses à délivrer un visa*".
- The passport and the authorization can be sent directly by post (with a self-addressed envelope) to the Swiss Visa section in Bangkok or brought by the applicant or a third person during [opening hours](#) with prior [appointment](#). (Choose Visa → Visa D → Collection)
- The visa is generally issued on the same day.

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