



## Birth in the United Kingdom and Ireland

To register the birth of a child born in the UK or Ireland with the Swiss authorities, please provide the following documents:

### For married parents

#### For the child

- Birth certificate**
  - long version stating the names of both parents
  - newly issued original (no more than 6 months old)
  - will not be returned to you
- two copies of the **foreign passport** of the child, if the child already holds a passport
- ➔ See next page for further information

### For unmarried parents

#### For the child

- Birth certificate**
  - long version stating the names of both parents
  - newly issued original (no more than 6 months old)
  - will not be returned to you
- two copies of the **foreign passport** of the child, if the child already holds a passport
- Completed [questionnaire for unmarried parents of a child](#) (dated and signed by both parents)

#### For the non-Swiss parent

- Birth certificate**
  - long version stating the names of both parents
  - newly issued original (no more than 6 months old)
  - will not be returned to you
- two copies of **foreign passport**
- Confirmation of civil status (please choose one of the following):**
  - **Single: [statutory declaration](#)**
    - confirming marital status, nationality and place of residence at time of birth of your child
    - original (no more than 6 months old)
    - signed in the presence of a notary public or solicitor
    - the notary's or solicitor's signature must be certified by Apostille
    - will not be returned to you
  - **Married: Marriage certificate**
    - newly issued original (no more than 6 months old)
    - will not be returned to you
  - **Divorced: Divorce decree absolute**
    - divorce decree bearing the original seal of the High Court of Justice/County Court
    - newly issued original (no more than 6 months old)
    - must be certified by Apostille
    - will not be returned to you
  - **Widowed: Death certificate**
    - death certificate – **original**
    - will not be returned to you

- If any of the civil status events of the non-Swiss parent took place outside of the UK or Ireland, please inform us, as we would then need to check what documents are required. An advance payment may be required and the process can take several months.

### Important Information

**Did you check all the applicable boxes above?** Once you have done so, please submit the required documents to the Regional Consular Centre in London by:

- posting the above mentioned documents to:  
Regional Consular Centre, c/o Embassy of Switzerland, 16-18 Montagu Place,  
London W1H 2BQ

Upon receipt of the relevant documents, we will translate and legalise the documents and forward them to the place of origin in Switzerland so that the family details can be updated in the Swiss central system (Infostar); this usually takes between 4-6 months.

Failure to register children before the age of 25 will lead to the loss of their Swiss citizenship. Information regarding the Swiss citizenship of your child can be found on website [citizenship](#).

**Important:** After the completed registration of the birth in the Swiss Civil Registry, an application for a Swiss passport and/or identity card may be submitted. The parents may file such an application through the website [www.schweizerpass.ch](http://www.schweizerpass.ch) / [www.passeportsuisse.ch](http://www.passeportsuisse.ch) / [www.passaportosvizzero.ch](http://www.passaportosvizzero.ch)

Additional documents may be requested.

### Where to obtain the documents

#### Birth certificate

*Certified copy of an entry of birth / Extract of entry from a register of births*

- **England and Wales:** [www.gov.uk/general-register-office](http://www.gov.uk/general-register-office)
- **Scotland:** [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/)
- **Northern Ireland:** <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>
- **Ireland:** [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

#### Marriage certificate

*Certified copy of an entry of marriage / Extract of entry from a register of marriages*

- **England and Wales:** [www.gov.uk/general-register-office](http://www.gov.uk/general-register-office)
- **Scotland:** [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/)
- **Northern Ireland:** <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>
- **Ireland:** [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

#### Divorce decree

- Court Administration where the divorce was finalized

#### Death certificate

*Certified copy of an entry of death / Extract of entry from a register of deaths*

- **England and Wales:** [www.gov.uk/general-register-office](http://www.gov.uk/general-register-office)
- **Scotland:** [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/)
- **Northern Ireland:** <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>
- **Ireland:** [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

#### Apostille

- Apostille by the [Foreign & Commonwealth & Development Office \(UK\)](#) or [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(Ireland\)](#)

For further information:

UK <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/united-kingdom/en/home/services/civil-status/birth.html>

Ireland <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/ireland/en/home/services/civil-status/birth.html>