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Embassy of Switzerland in Tanzania

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

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Documents to submit

☐ Original document "Copy of an entry of a marriage register" issued by the "Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA)" in Dar es Salaam. If the marriage took place in Zanzibar the document "Marriage Return" issued by Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency (ZCSRA)

☐ Original "Certificate of Marriage" from the district registrar or for Zanzibar Original "Marriage Return" issued by ZCSRA

☐ Application for marriage registration, signed by the persons who are currently present in Tanzania

For spouses who are not Swiss citizens:

☐ Original Birth Certificate issued by Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) in Dar es Salaam
If the birth occurred in Zanzibar, the Birth Certificate ("Certified Copy of an entry in a Register of Births") needs to be issued by Zanzibar Civil Status Registration Agency (ZCSRA)

☐ Original certificate of civil status ("Certificate of No Impediment") issued by RITA in Dar es Salaam or ZCSRA in Zanzibar

☐ Original Affidavit of the foreign spouse, confirming the civil status before the marriage, issued by a Commissioner for Oaths

☐ If the foreign spouse has been married before, the documents concerning the dissolution of the former marriage (copy of Divorce certificate issued by RITA in Dar es Salaam or if the divorce occurred in Zanzibar copy of the Divorce Return issued by ZCSRA in Zanzibar, together with copy of the Judgement, and copy of the Decree)

☐ If the foreign spouse is widowed, copy of Marriage Certificate and original Death Certificate of the former spouse, issued by RITA Dar es Salaam. If the death occurred in Zanzibar, the certificate needs to be issued by ZCSRA in Zanzibar

☐ Original Affidavit of residence confirmation at the time of marriage issued by the competent District Resident Magistrate

☐ Original Police Clearance Certificate

☐ Passport copy

Certain documents may no longer be required if the person is already registered in the Swiss civil status register.

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.

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Legalisation

All original Tanzanian civil status documents must be legalised before being submitted to the Swiss representation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dar es Salaam (4th Floor, Room 15, Shaaban Robert Street).

Fees

Entry of the marriage in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge.

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