

Application for marriage preparation procedure or for a certificate of legal capacity to marry

The application for a marriage preparation procedure or certificate of capacity to marry can be submitted by the engaged couple together on the same form, or individually on separate forms. The civil registry office where one of the couple has their place of residence is responsible for carrying out the preparatory procedure or issuing the certificate of capacity to marry. If both persons live abroad, the civil registry office that will perform the wedding ceremony in Switzerland is also responsible for the marriage preparation procedure. If a certificate of capacity to marry is required for a couple domiciled abroad, this should be issued by the civil registry office where one of the couple has their place of origin in Switzerland. Couples abroad may request their Swiss representation to forward their application to the relevant civil registry office in Switzerland on their behalf.

Person 1

Surname	Birth name	
First name(s)	Sex (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Religion (provide a number as explained in footnote 1)
Current marital status since:..... <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </div> Marriage dissolved by: <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Court ruling (divorce/annulment/declared missing) Partnership dissolved by: <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Court ruling (divorce/annulment/declared missing)		
Place(s) of origin (for Swiss nationals)	Nationality(ies) (for foreign nationals)	
Place of birth (municipality, canton/province, country)	Date of birth (day, month, year)	
Current place of residence (municipality and exact address)	Telephone (mobile) and email address	
Surname after marriage	Place of residence after marriage	

Person 2

Surname	Birth name	
First name(s)	Sex (please tick) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Religion (provide a number as explained in footnote 1)
Current marital status since:..... <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Other: </div> Marriage dissolved by: <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Court ruling (divorce/annulment/declared missing) Partnership dissolved by: <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Court ruling (divorce/annulment/declared missing)		
Place(s) of origin (for Swiss nationals)	Nationality(ies) (for foreign nationals)	
Place of birth (municipality, canton/province, country)	Date of birth (day, month, year)	
Current place of residence (municipality and exact address)	Telephone (mobile) and email address	
Surname after marriage	Place of residence after marriage	

- 1) Please select a number (for statistical purposes):
 1 Protestant – 2 Roman Catholic – 3 Christian Catholic – 4 Other Christian religion – 5 Jewish – 6 Muslim
 7 Other religion – 8 No religion – 9 Entry left blank

Children

Chosen surname of *future* children:

☐ We do not wish to choose a surname at this stage.

Reasons

☐ Choosing names under foreign law:

☐ We have *no* common children.

☐ We have the following **common** children:

Surname of child(ren) before parents' marriage	First name(s)	Date of birth	Current place of residence

Surname of child(ren) after parents' marriage	First name(s)	Date of birth	Current place of residence

The parent-child relationship with the parent(s) who did not give birth to the child was established by:

☐ Acknowledgement ☐ Court ruling ☐ Adoption ☐ Other reason:

Wedding ceremony

The ceremony is expected to take place at the civil registry office where ☐ Person 1 / ☐ Person 2 resides

or ☐ at another civil registry office:..... or ☐ abroad:.....

☐ We require a **certificate of capacity to marry** for our wedding abroad.

☐ **Important:**

We are aware that by getting married abroad we must notify our Swiss representation immediately after the wedding ceremony.

☐ We undertake to provide all necessary documents and take note that we may be required to pay a fee for foreign documents to be authenticated.

Place and date Signature Person 1	Place and date Signature Person 2
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Please note

Find out in good time from your civil registry office or Swiss representation which **documents** you will need. The authorities reserve the right to ask for further documents or a fee for authentication. As a rule, documents that are not in an official Swiss language must be **translated**. Each person must attend the **marriage preparation procedure** and **civil ceremony** in person and bring **identification (passport or identity card)** as well as proof of residence.