



**INFORMATION SHEET „MARRIAGE IN IRAQI BETWEEN A IRAQI NATIONAL AND A SWISS CITIZEN“**

**REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGE IN (INFOSTAR) AND FAMILY REUNION IN SWITZERLAND**

**PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS:**

The Iraqi spouse has to apply **personally** at the Embassy of Switzerland in Amman.

In addition to the below mentioned documents, 3 x visa applications (Form D / Long Stay), the Iraqi passport G or A series (without handwritten corrections) in **original**, 3 x copies, 3 x identical passport photos are required for a family reunion in Switzerland.

**(The passport must be issued within the last 10 years; with at least 3 months validity and with at least 2 blank pages.)**

- Original Marriage Certificate** including an official translation. This original document and its translation must be legalized by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad.
- Original Birth Certificate ("Copy of entry 1957")** international form English/Arabic, not older than 6 months. This original document must be legalized by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad.
- Original Iraqi Identity Card **before** marriage (if available) including an official translation.
- Original Iraqi Identity Card **after** marriage including an official translation.
- Original Nationality certificate**, including an official translation
- Original Non-Conviction Certificate** not older than 6 months, legalized by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad.
- Proof of Residency including an official translation.
- Copy of the passport of Swiss spouse in Switzerland.
- Copy of Personal Record of Swiss spouse in Switzerland

If the civil status of the Iraqi spouse wasn't "single" before the marriage, the following documents have to be additionally submitted:

- If **divorced**: Original divorce certificate including an official translation. The original document and its translation must be legalized by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad.
- If **widowed**: Original death certificate including an official translation. The original document and its translation must be legalized by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Baghdad.

**Be aware:** If the marriage was done through a power of attorney (the spouse living in Switzerland was represented by a family member or lawyer), then a translated and legalized power of attorney must be submitted. This document is normally legalized by the Iraqi Embassy in Bern.

**NOTE: All documents must be submitted as originals. Copies are not accepted. Incomplete files will not be accepted.**

All the documents requested and mentioned in this information sheet are issued by the Iraqi authorities.

*If for any reason, the concerned person is not able to get the documents personally, then the acquisition of these documents can be done by a confidant (family member, lawyer, etc.) through a power of attorney.*

**All documents must be translated through a state recognized translation office into one of the following languages: German, French, Italian or English.**

#### **REMARKS:**

The Embassy of Switzerland reserves the right to ask for additional documents and/or for a personal interview.

The visa request will be forwarded for a decision to the competent immigration authority where the applicant intends to stay. The procedure takes at least 08-12 weeks. Once the visa has been authorized, the applicant will have to submit his/her original passport or travel document to the Embassy in order to obtain the visa. The issuance of the visa needs 48 hours.

#### **FEES**

Since the spouse is a Swiss citizen, this procedure is free of charge.

#### **SUBSEQUENT PROCEDURES**

The Embassy of Switzerland in Amman will review the documents and legalize them. Afterwards the documents will be transmitted to the concerned civil status department in Switzerland. A copy of the legalized documents including the visa application will be sent to the cantonal migration office for an approval for a residency permit.

The civil status department in Switzerland is responsible for the registration of the marriage in *Infostar*, while the cantonal migration office issues the approval for the entry visa. Once the cantonal migration office approves the entry to Switzerland, the visa can be printed and the Iraqi spouse can travel to Switzerland.