



**INFORMATION SHEET „MARRIAGE IN IRAQ AND FAMILY REUNION IN SWITZERLAND  
OF IRAQI NATIONALS”**

**(The spouse in Switzerland is a foreigner)**

**PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS:**

The application for family reunion of the spouse and underage children (if applicable) will only be processed if the members who are requesting a family reunion 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.
- Proof of language competency (minimum A1) level** of the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland.
- Copy of the passport and copy of the Iraqi Identity Card with translation of the spouse living 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.

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

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

**REMARKS:**

- 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.*
- 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 requires 48 hours.

**FEES:**

Fees up to CHF 250.00 may arise. These have to be paid at the Embassy in cash in the local currency (JOD) (please inquire at the responsible Embassy beforehand) when the application and documents are submitted.