

## **Child's Birth Notification / Kindesanmeldung**

Birth notifications can be submitted to the Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia for children born in Switzerland, in the cantons for which the Consulate is responsible. This process is necessary for the child to receive Serbian citizenship and, consequently, a Serbian passport. The application must be submitted by one of the parents who was a citizen of the Republic of Serbia at the time of the child's birth and holds a valid Serbian document (passport or ID card). Upon receipt of the request, the diplomatic mission of the Republic of Serbia will promptly forward it to the appropriate authority in Serbia for registration in the civil registry.

### **Documentation Required for Birth Registration:**

1. **Child's birth registration application** (available at the Consulate).
2. **Original Swiss birth certificate** in an international form (issued within the last six months), obtained from the Civil Registry Office in Switzerland (Zivilstandsamt). In German, this form is called "Auszug aus dem Geburtsregister".
3. **Translation of the child's birth certificate** by a certified court interpreter for the Serbian language.
4. **Passports and residence permits** for both parents.
5. **Paid consular fee** (only cards are accepted).

If a marriage in Switzerland has not been reported to Serbia prior to the child's birth notification, it is necessary to register the marriage along with the birth notification/registration (please see the "Notification of Marriage" section that follows).

### **Please Note:**

- Birth registration is a prerequisite for the child to obtain Serbian citizenship. At least one parent with a valid Serbian passport or ID card must be present for the registration. The other parent does not need to be present if both parents hold Serbian passports, nor does the child need to be present. However, the passports of both parents must be brought, even if one parent is a foreigner.
- Following the birth registration, the child's address in Serbia should be registered at the competent police station, after which the child will be issued a JMBG (unique personal number). This can only be done by the child's parents when they first travel to Serbia. However, a passport application for the child can be submitted even if the address is not yet registered and the child does not have a JMBG on the birth certificate.
- Birth registration cannot occur before the marriage is registered (except for children born out of wedlock). If the parents are not married but the father has recognized the child and is listed on the birth certificate, a certified copy of the Paternity Recognition Certificate (in German: Vaterschaftsanerkennung) with an "Apostille" and translation by an authorized court interpreter must be included.