



## **Information sheet on the legalization of Bhutanese documents**

Foreign public documents are often only recognized in Germany (e.g. by German authorities or courts) if their authenticity has been confirmed through a special procedure. Bhutanese documents must generally be submitted in a legalized form. A legalization does not confirm the accuracy of the content of a document, but solely its authenticity.

Please note that only Bhutanese public documents (e.g. birth, marriage and death certificates) can be legalized.

The documents to be legalized must first be pre-authenticated by the Bhutanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please contact the Bhutanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs directly for further information regarding pre-authentication.

After pre-authentication by the Bhutanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs the legalization can be applied for at the German Embassy in New Delhi.

For the legalization a fee of 30,00 EUR per document is charged in accordance with the Special Fee Ordinance for the Federal Foreign Office (AABGebV).

The fee can be paid for at the Embassy either in cash in Indian Rupees (at the current exchange rate) or by international credit card.

Please contact the Embassy in advance by using the contact form to schedule an appointment for legalization.

Alternatively, the documents can be submitted via the external service provider VFS in Thimphu, who will forward the documents to the Embassy and return them to you after the legalization.