



## VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR VISIT VISA

Each applicant has to present all documents listed below. Note that the originals will not be returned.

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<b>1 Visa Application</b>		
One completed <b>Schengen visa</b> application form duly filled in, dated and signed <a href="https://www.sem.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html">https://www.sem.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Minors:</b> (under the age of 18) <b>Both parents must sign the visa application forms and add copies of their passports as well as a copy of the child's birth certificate. If there is only one guardian please present proof of custody such as divorce papers, birth or death certificate, custody order, etc. If one parent is unable to sign the forms, he/she must submit a letter of agreement together with a copy of his/her passport bearing the signature of the holder. If the child is travelling with only one parent, the written consent of the other parent is required as well as a copy of the passport of the latter bearing the signature.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One recent passport-sized colour photograph, in accordance with the guidelines of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), with a white background, not damaged and stapled. <a href="https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files_en?file=2016-12/icao_photograph_guidelines_en.pdf">https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files_en?file=2016-12/icao_photograph_guidelines_en.pdf</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2 Travel documents</b>		
Original passport valid for further three months after the intended departure from the Schengen area and one copy of all relevant passport pages (data page, pages containing previous Schengen, UK, US or Canadian visas).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It shall contain at least two blank pages and should have been issued within the previous 10 years. <b>Please also submit all previous passports, either valid or cancelled.</b>		
For foreign nationals residing in Ghana: A photocopy of the valid residence permit. It must be valid for further three months after the intended departure from the Schengen area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the primary destination is not a Schengen country, the visa for that country must be obtained first.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photocopy of birth certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A computer printout of the flight reservation / booking including return flight (no ticket).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of accommodation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photocopy of hotel reservation in Switzerland/Belgium/Latvia and other Schengen States covering the whole period of stay.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of travel medical insurance covering the entire period of intended stay, valid for all Schengen States. <b>Original and one copy thereof.</b> Please refer to Embassy's list of accredited local insurance companies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum coverage of EUR 30'000.</li> <li>• Repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death during stay.</li> <li>• Policy must state policy number, name of ensured applicant, dates of coverage until last day of departure from Schengen states, as well as scheduled benefits (please allow for extra days for the embassy to be more flexible with the duration of the visa).</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>3 Justification of the stay</b>		
Invitation letter signed by the host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The invitation must contain name, first name, date of birth (exactly same as in the passport), with a copy of the either his/her passport or identity card and resident permit (if applicable), for every invited person as well as the purpose and duration of visit.</li> <li>• Proof of family ties or relationship with host</li> <li>• Photocopy of birth certificate from host</li> <li>• Proof of previous travels to or with the host</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The invitation, duly signed, must be sent by e-mail to [accra.visa@eda.admin.ch](mailto:accra.visa@eda.admin.ch) prior to the appointment date given to the applicant.

- Photocopy of Swiss/Belgium/Latvia residence permit and passport from the host.
- Photocopy of bank statement and salary slips for the last 3 months in case the host is covering for the cost of travel and stay.
  - If the host has a “carte de legitimisation” - letter from the employer, confirming that she/he is employed by the permanent mission/international organization.
- For **Switzerland**: In certain cases, a “*Declaration of Guarantee*” may be required. This form will be given by the Embassy to the applicant, if the financial situation is considered insufficient to undertake the trip. The applicant must complete this declaration with his/her personal data and send it to the host in Switzerland. The host has to get it **stamped by the municipal authorities** for foreigners at his place of residence. This process will take about one month.
- Applicants invited by a host in **Belgium** who is sponsoring their trip, are obliged to provide an **original declaration of guarantee** (*Engagement de prise en charge type 3 bis*). The document must be **accepted on the back page** (section F) and **bear a dry stamp** from the “*Office des étrangers*” (Service Public Fédéral Intérieur) in Brussels. The form must not be older than 6 months from the date of issue.
- Applicants invited by a host in **Latvia** are obliged to provide an official invitation form (*Invitation for Requesting a Visa*), which must be **stamped by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs of the Ministry of Interior in Latvia**. On the day of submission, this document should not be more than 3 months old from the date of issue.

#### 4 Proof of sufficient financial means to cover the cost of the trip

- Original of personal and company’s current bank statement (if applicable) for the past 3 months showing sufficient means of subsistence (approx. CHF 100 per day) to cover all costs during the trip.
- The applicants name must appear on the statements. (Neither cash nor bank letters are accepted).

#### 5 Proof of the applicant’s occupational status

- For self-employed / business owners:
- Photocopy of business papers, such as business registration certificate
  - Company’s code/ form A, tax clearance certificates
  - Proof of active business (bills of lading, import declaration form, invoices, etc.)
- For employees:
- Original and signed letter of employment with indication of annual leave
  - Photocopies of salary slip of the last 3 months or contract.
- For students:
- Original letter from the university or school with indication of approved period of leave.

#### 6 Visa fee

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Please be aware:

- For all types of Schengen visas, the process time can take up to 15 days
- During the visa processing time, no passport withdrawal is possible

**In some individual cases, additional documents may be requested. Presentation of the documents does not automatically lead to the issuance of a visa. Possession of a visa does not confer an automatic right of entry. The ultimate decision regarding admission to the Schengen territory lies with the Border Authorities upon arrival.**

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