



## Residence (national visa, type D) for non EU/EFTA citizens

**Please note: For each applicant, a complete file is required (including children). If necessary, copies of the relevant documents like copy/copies of passport(s) and residence permit(s) of family member(s) already in Switzerland are to be made for each file.**

### General documents for residence:

- [3 \(three\) application forms](#), national (type D) visa, duly completed (in German, French, Italian or English) and signed by the applicant.
- Passport which must be valid for at least three months after the date of the first departure from Switzerland and containing at least two empty pages.
- 2 copies of the applicant's passport (pages with photo, personal data and signature).
- 2 copies of the last two Schengen visas (if applicable).
- 3 identical, recent passport photographs, meeting Schengen requirements: [Photograph quality](#).
- Proof of solvency (bank statement showing the account-movements during the last 3 months or letter of the bank confirming the balance of the account translated into German, French or Italian – original and copy).
- Police clearance for each adult with "Apostille", legalized and translated (into German, French or Italian - original and copy).
- Motivation letter (reason for intention to settle in Switzerland; indication of future address in Switzerland, etc.) in German, French or Italian - original and copy.
- Nonrefundable visa application fee. If your spouse is an EU citizen, the visa fee does not have to be paid.
- If applicable: two passport copies of each EU/EFTA family member taking up residence in Switzerland.
- If applicable: marriage certificate (certified copy, duplicate) with Apostille, legalized and translated (into German, French or Italian - original and copy).

### Additional document for children under 18 years of age and non EU/EFTA citizens:

- Birth certificate (certified copy, duplicate) with Apostille, legalized and translated (into German, French or Italian - original and copy).

The responsible authorities in Switzerland may request further documents.

The applicant's file will be forwarded to the responsible migration authority in Switzerland. The Swiss Embassy can only issue a residence or family reunion visa upon receipt of the authorization. Please note that the procedure takes approximately 6 - 12 weeks.

The Swiss Embassy reserves the right to request additional documents

### Please note:

- The purchase of property in Switzerland does not automatically give the right to a residence permit.
- Authorizations for residence (without employment) are issued only in a very limited number.

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