



Documents required for Private Visit

If you are a foreign resident in Japan, you can apply for a Schengen visa at the Embassy of Switzerland in Tokyo.

You may submit your visa application and book your appointment online by visiting the website www.swiss-visa.ch. Please bring the print-out together with the other documents to the appointment at the Embassy.

If your documents are not in a Swiss language (German, French, Italian) or English, they need to be translated in one of the beforehand mentioned languages.

Please submit the documents in the exact order given below, please do not staple any documents:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Print-out of your online application form: fully filled out in a Swiss or English language , dated and signed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 colored passport photo (good quality, white background)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport: issued within 10 years with at least 2 blank visa pages, must be valid at least 3 months after your scheduled departure from the Schengen area. Please attach a copy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residence card or special permanent resident certificate: must be valid at least 3 months after your scheduled departure from the Schengen area. Please attach a copy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overseas Travel Insurance covering the entire stay in the Schengen area (issued in the country of residency Japan or in a Schengen member state). Minimum insurance coverage: 30'000 EURO. Mandatory coverages: medical expenses, repatriation expenses, death through injury, death through sickness and hospitalization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule (detailed daily program of activities in Switzerland/the Schengen area)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reservation of flight tickets (and, if applicable, proof of other means of transportations)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed invitation letter from the host in Switzerland confirming the length of the stay, the housing arrangements, financial guarantee (where applicable) and including the surname, first name, date of birth, address, phone number, email address and nationality from both the host and applicant. A passport copy of the inviting person must be attached. The invitation letter has to be sent from the host directly by email to the Embassy (tokyo.visa@eda.admin.ch).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment certificate on the company's letterhead including date of commencement, annual salary and duration of the vacation / Company registry if self-employed / Enrolment certificate if you are a student.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of sufficient funds to cover your stay in the Schengen area; personal bank book or print-out of internet banking, which includes the account holders name and information on the account activity (deposit/withdrawal) of <u>at least the last three months</u> . Salary payments must be mentioned. In addition , a guarantee declaration from a guarantor can be submitted where applicable. It must include surname, first name, date of birth, address, phone number, email address and nationality from both the guarantor and applicant. It should also include length of stay, date of issue of the declaration letter and signature from the guarantor, along with the guarantor's bank statement of the past three months and a passport copy.

- **For minors (up to 18 years)** following additional documents need to be submitted:
- Copy of birth certificate mentioning the full names of both parents
 - Copy of both parents' passports
 - If travelling with only one parent or alone: Declaration of consent of travel of the parent who is not travelling with the child (or both parents), certified by a notary public.

No copies are made on your behalf and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The Embassy of Switzerland reserves the right to ask for additional documents.

The processing time of a visa application generally is 15 days. This period may, in individual cases, be extended.

* If you wish to receive your passport back by post, please submit a prepaid, self-addressed return envelope with a tracking number of a secure carrier (e.g. letterpack from Japan Post). Applicants must indicate their name and address as recipient. The Swiss representation does not assume any liability for lost documents returned by mail.