



Stay for more than 90 days consecutive - Family Reunion

If you are a foreign resident in New Zealand and are planning to get married in Switzerland or to join your family member in Switzerland, you can apply for an authorization at the Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington.

Generally, if you are applying for a family reunion visa your biometric data will not be captured. Nevertheless, the Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents and / or a personal interview.

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

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

- **3 printouts of your [national \(type D\) visa application form](#)**: duly completed in German, French, Italian or English, dated and signed.

In case of minors: both parents must sign the application form and submit 2 copies of their passports (only pages with personal data). If one parent is unable to sign the form, he/she must submit a letter of consent.

- **3 passport photos** (please consult the requirements on the following [website](#) from the European Commission).
- **2 passport copies**: photo, personal data and signature page as well as pages of your passport with official entries (visas, entry stamps, residence permits, etc.). The passport must be issued within the past 10 years with at least 2 blank visa pages, valid at least 3 months after your scheduled departure from the Schengen area.
- **2 copies of residence permit** with validity of at least 3 months after the planned stay in Switzerland.
- **2 copies of proof of language skills** of the language spoken at the place of residence in Switzerland: please refer to the [factsheet on proof of language skills](#) and [FAQs on proof of language skills](#).
*The provisions on integration apply in essence to all foreign residents. There is no language requirement for unmarried children under 18 years of age, for spouses and unmarried children (up to 18 years of age) of **Swiss citizens**, nor for persons who may benefit from the provisions of the **Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons (AFMP)** and their family members (spouses and unmarried children up to the age of 21).*
- For spouse in New Zealand
 - **Original and 1 copy of Police Clearance Certificate**, not older than 6 months. This certificate has to be translated into the Swiss national language of the future Canton of residence by a certified translator;
 - **2 copies of the marriage certificate** translated into English or into the Swiss national language of the future Canton of residence. Please make sure that the [marriage has been duly registered in Switzerland](#). (If you are planning to get married in Switzerland, please check the [checklist for Marriage in Switzerland](#)).
- For children:
 - **2 copies of the birth certificate** translated into English or into the Swiss national language of the future Canton of residence. In case of family reunification, please make sure that [the birth has been duly registered in Switzerland](#).
- For spouse in Switzerland:
 - **2 passport copies**: (photo, personal data and signature page only)
 - **2 copies of valid Swiss residence permit**, if applicable

- **Visa fee: please check the website for the national [visa fees](#). For spouses and children of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals, as well as for children under six years of age, the visa is **free of charge**.**
- **Self-addressed, trackable, prepaid return courier bag** (only in case you do not wish to collect your visa personally at the Embassy after its issuance). The Swiss representation does not assume any liability for lost documents returned by mail.

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

Your request will be forwarded for decision taking to the competent [cantonal immigration authority](#) where you intend to stay. The procedure takes at least 8 -12 weeks. Once the entry visa has been authorized, you will have to submit your original passport or travel document to this representation in order to obtain your visa.