



LIST OF REQUIREMENTS - NATIONAL STUDENT VISA D

If you are a resident (national or foreigner) of Nigeria planning to study in Switzerland you can apply for an entry visa at the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja.

You can submit your visa application by appointment only. Appointments may be booked Monday to Thursday, 09.00 – 11.00am either by sending an e-mail to abuja.visa@eda.admin.ch or by calling +234 (0)810 071 8141 (Monday to Thursday, 02.00 – 03.00pm only).

We advise to book an appointment immediately after receiving the admission letter from the school / university in Switzerland. Application submission may be as early as six month prior to studying in Switzerland and not later than ten weeks prior to the date of departure.

The application is to be submitted in person and on time at the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja.

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

3 national (type D) visa application forms duly completed & signed by the applicant. In case of minors (under 18 years of age): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Both parents will need to sign the forms and add a copy of their passports. ○ A letter of consent from both parents will have to be submitted. ○ A birth certificate will have to be submitted. ○ If applicable: Custody agreements/order will have to be submitted. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport or official travel document, issued within the last 10 years; with at least three months validity after the scheduled return and with at least 2 blank pages Original and 2 photocopies of passport (photo, personal data and signature page only)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valid Schengen, UK, US & Canada visas 2 photocopies In case of refusal stamps from above mentioned embassies, submit copies of the official refusal letter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foreign nationals residing in Nigeria: Resident permit with validity of at least 3 months after the planned stay in Switzerland Original and 2 photocopies	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 identical recent passport photos (in color, white background, no head-covering/wig/dark glasses)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of admission to the university/school in Switzerland. Original and 2 photocopies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diplomas and certificates , along with translations if applicable Original and 2 photocopies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation letter stating the objectives of the study signed and dated by the applicant. Original and 1 photocopy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written Commitment to leave Switzerland after Studies and Written Statement with Student's Intention at the End of the Studies , each signed and dated by the applicant. Original and 1 photocopy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proof of payment of the Swiss university/school fees or proof of exemption from the Swiss university/school fees. Original and 2 photocopies	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Proof of financial means (original bank statements last six month, stamped & signed by bank, bank certificates, etc.) Original and 2 photocopies If sponsored: a signed and dated sponsorship letter will have to be submitted along with a copy of the sponsor's passport data page (pages with photo, personal data and signature) and his/her original bank statements last six month, stamped & signed by bank) Original and 2 photocopies</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Curriculum Vitae / Resume Original and 2 photocopies</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Proof of languages skills such as TOEFL or IELTS certificates. German, French or Italian language certificates, if available.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that:

The first and second application must be complete with photocopies of all the documents listed above, arranged in the listed order.

The third application requires the passport data page copy only.

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

Visas for students with the purpose of study in Switzerland are **free of charge**.

To be noted that the final decision if the visa fee is waived is taken by the Embassy of Switzerland.

The complete application will be forwarded to the [cantonal immigration authority](#) for decision. The procedure takes at least 8 -12 weeks. Once the application has been approved, you will have to submit your original passport or travel document to this Embassy in order to obtain your visa.

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

Important:

- No guarantee can be given that a visa will be issued
- All documents must be in English or in a Swiss official language (German, French, Italian)
- Fake or forged travel documents will be seized and sent to the MFA for further action

Further information: www.eda.admin.ch/abuja