



## Family Reunion / Residence (national visa, type D)

**For each applicant, including children, a complete separate file is required.**

**All documents must be submitted in German, French or Italian or with a legalized translation.**

**All documents are valid for 6 months after their issuance.**

### General documents for residence and family reunion:

1. 3 application forms "[Application for a long stay visa \(visa D\)](#)" duly completed (German, French, Italian or English) and signed by the applicant in person.
2. Passport which must be valid for at least three months after the date of the first departure from Switzerland and containing at least two blank pages.
3. 2 copies of the applicant's passport (pages with photo, personal data and signature).
4. If applicable, 2 copies of the last two Schengen visas.
5. 4 identical recent passport photos meeting the [Schengen requirements](#); 3 glued on the application forms, one loose.

### Additional documents for residence:

- Proof of solvency - a bank statement showing the account movements during the last 3 months or a letter of the bank confirming the balance of the account, translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized +1 copy.
- Police clearance with "Apostille", translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy.
- Motivation letter in German, French or Italian indicating reasons to move to Switzerland and the future address of residence + 1 copy.

### Additional documents for family reunion:

- 2 copies of the passport of the family member already residing in Switzerland (spouse, father/mother).
- 2 copies of the residence permit of the family member already residing in Switzerland (spouse, father/mother).
- Marriage certificate (Duplicate) with "Apostille", translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy.
- Confirmation that the marriage is entered into the national civil status register, if the spouse residing in Switzerland is not a Swiss citizen, translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy.
- letter of the spouse in German, French or Italian that he/she is awaiting his/her spouse/child/children in Switzerland + 1 copy.
- Police clearance with "Apostille", translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy. For minor applicants under 16 years of age no police clearance is required.

- Adults: Proof of language competency (A1) in the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland or confirmation of enrolment in a language course that will allow this level to be acquired, translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy. The Swiss representations do not conduct language tests. Please consult the [requirements on SEM website](#) for further details.

**For children under 18 years of age (in addition to the general documents and documents for family reunion):**

- Birth certificate (Duplicate) with "Apostille", translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy
- If a minor applicant lives with one parent in Switzerland, while the second parent will remain in Russia or Belarus or Uzbekistan: an authorization signed by the parent remaining in Russia or Belarus or Uzbekistan in front of a notary public, translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy.

**For third country nationals:**

All non-Russian citizens living in Russia have to be legal residents of the Russian Federation and need to present the relevant documents (residence permit, long-term visa or FMS registration), translated (German, French or Italian) and legalized - original and 2 copies.

The Swiss Embassy reserves the right to request additional documents.

The **visa fee** is subject to change: please check [our website](#) for the current fee. The visa fee is to be paid at the counter only by debit or credit card. No cash payments are accepted.

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

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