



Requirements for Family Reunion (Visa D)

Applications for a visa D do not require your personal presence at our counter. Please submit your application file and the processing fee (Australian Money Order or cash) by post.

One set of stapled documents in the following order:

- **3 print-out** of your national (type D) visa [application form](#): fully filled out in a Swiss or English language, dated and signed by the applicant or both parents for minors
- **3 colored passport photos** (2 glued on forms and 1 loose)
- copy of **valid passport** (page with your personal data and picture)
- copy of **spouse's passport** (page with personal data and picture)
- copy of **contract of employment** of spouse
- For adults: **Police Certificate** showing that there are no records against the applicant (Australian Federal Police, phone 02 6256 7777, www.afp.gov.au)
- **Proof of language competency** (A1) of the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland. For family reunification for a third country national who holds a B, C or F permit *If applicable*
- copy of **Swiss residence permit** of spouse
- copy of **proof of residence permit** in Australia (VEVO statement).
- copy of **marriage certificate** (certain cantons require a certified copy)
- **a second identical set of the above mentioned documents**

Please check our current [National visa fees](#). For spouses and children of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals and for children under six years of age, the visa is free of charge.

Swiss citizens: Applications of a spouse of a Swiss national can only be processed after the marriage has been registered with this Consulate and in Switzerland ([Registering your Marriage](#)) or the documents for marriage preparation have been submitted. If you are planning to move to the cantons of Zurich or Solothurn a Family Certificate (Familienausweis/Certificat de famille) is requested and needs be ordered from the Civil status office of your place of origin.

Please note that this is not a final list. If necessary, you may be requested to submit additional documents.

The original of the passport is only needed after the visa has been granted by the competent Migration Office. Unless otherwise stated, the visa D is valid for the initial entry only. Within 14 days of the arrival in Switzerland, you must register with the competent Migration Office, which will issue the actual residence permit.

Procedure time is usually between 2-4 months.

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