



Work visa – national visa type D for specific categories

For specific professional categories a visa application has to be submitted at the Swiss representation in Vienna **before** the cantonal authorities can treat the application from the employer in Switzerland:

- PhD-students, post graduates, academic guests, scholarship holders and MAS-students who are employed in a higher educational institution as part of their continuing education
- Musicians and artists who will work less than 8 months (Art painters, sculptors, writers, actors, orchestral members, opera singers, composers, circus artists, ...)

Please send us an e-mail (wien.cc@eda.admin.ch) in order to obtain an appointment and personally submit the following documents:

- 3 current passport pictures
- Valid passport with at least two empty pages as well as 2 copies of the pages with the picture, the personal data and the signature and 2 copies
- Valid residence card and 2 copies (if not living in the home-country)
- Visa fee
- Working contract (original if possible and 2 copies of it)
- 3 completed visa application forms (in German, French, Italian oder English) and signed in original by the applicant („national visa type D” - long-term stays“)
<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>

The fees for processing the application must be paid at the time of submission. Processing begins on reception of the duly completed forms by the Swiss representation, together with the supporting documents. Fees will not be refunded in the case of refusal.

The application will be forwarded to the competent migration authorities in Switzerland for a decision. The decision of the Office for Migration will be mailed directly to you. Please bear in mind that this procedure normally takes between 6 and 12 weeks.

Once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted, the visa can be collected in person (or through a person carrying a written authorization) with prior scheduled appointment at the Regional Consular Center in Vienna. Please send us an e-mail in order to obtain an appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Consular Center (wien.cc@eda.admin.ch).