

National Visa (Type D) – Student

Purpose: For persons who would like to study in Switzerland for longer than 90 days

Applications must be submitted in person. To schedule an appointment, please send a request together with a copy of your passport and a copy of the acceptance letter by e-mail to: baku.visa@eda.admin.ch

General information for students:

➤ Only complete files will be forwarded to the competent cantonal migration office in Switzerland for a decision. The visa section reserves the right to reject incomplete files.
➤ The visa can only be issued by this embassy once the decision of the cantonal migration authority has been received. A processing time of 8 to 10 weeks or more by the cantonal migration authority must be expected.
➤ Do not staple pages together
➤ Important notice: It is mandatory that you mention your future living address in Switzerland under section 24 of the Visa D application form and not the address of the university or school. Please do not submit a visa application if your future living address is not known yet.
➤ Please note that the authorization process by the cantonal migration authority may take 8 to 12 weeks. Please do not call or write to the Embassy on the status of your application!
➤ You will receive the decision on your visa application from the Swiss migration authorities either by mail or by e-mail several weeks (depending on the case) after you submitted your file. Once you received the decision, please inform the Embassy by e-mail and request an appointment to bring your passport and the authorization form.
➤ The Embassy is closed on the following public holidays: see here .
➤ This document is distributed free of charge.
➤ The Embassy does not cooperate with external agencies and service providers.
➤ The Embassy reserves the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request additional documents. • Transmit the application to authorities in Switzerland for decision. • Conduct an interview with the applicant. • Change the content of this information sheet without any prior notice.

List of required documents to be submitted for family reunification:

<input type="checkbox"/>	3 application forms for long term visa (visa D), duly completed in German, French, Italian or English and signed by the applicant in person (signed by both parents for minors)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Original and 2 copies of the passport (identity page with signature), must be valid for at least three months beyond the planned entry, have been issued within the previous ten years and contain at least two empty pages
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 recent passport photographs with a plain light-colored background according to the guidelines (do not attach the passport photographs to the application form)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 copies of previous Schengen visa
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the applicant is under 18 years of age: an authorization signed by both parents that the minor is allowed to travel and study in Switzerland; legalized by an attorney and translated into German, French, Italian or English (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acceptance letter from school or university in Switzerland with indication of the teaching language and number of lessons/classes per week (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmation of payment of tuition and other fees, if applicable (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Previous diplomas, school certificates and study plan, officially translated into German, French, Italian or English (legalised copy [original and 1 copy])
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solvency: bank account statement showing the movement for the last three month, bank letter confirming the balance of the account, credit cards if applicable, property certificates, any document that shows the ability of the sponsor to bear all expenses of the student during the entire stay in Switzerland (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motivation letter of the student, indicating why you decided to study in Switzerland, how these studies will be beneficial for your career development, your plans for the future, etc., in German, French, Italian or in English, signed and dated (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Language certificate in the language in which you are taught at university or school in Switzerland.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum Vitae in German, French, Italian or in English, signed and dated (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signed and dated declaration by the applicant to leave Switzerland after the end of the studies/education (original and 1 copy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth certificate for minors, with a translation into German, French, Italian or English, or copy with a notarial confirmation (original and 1 copy)