

Checklist for a Tourist Visa (Schengen Type C)

Submission of visa applications are by appointment only. Applications can be submitted **up to** 6 months to **at least** 15 days prior the intended travel date.

Appointments are made via VFS at https://visa.vfsglobal.com/hkg/en/che/ or by phone 3018 3030. The appointment is free of charge. All applicants are required to submit their application in person and on time at the Consulate General.

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

1 Schengen (type C) visa application form duly completed and signed by the applicant In case of minors (under 18 years of age): both parents will need to sign the form and add a copy of their passports and of the birth certificate. A copy of a letter of consent of parent(s) is required if the child is travelling unaccompanied or with one parent only. If applicable, custody court documents must be submitted	
2 identical passport photos taken in the last 6 months (consult the requirements on the <u>website</u>)	
Valid passport or official travel document and one (1) copy thereof (data and signature pages) Passport must be valid at least 3 months beyond the intended return date and have at least 2 blank pages	
Previous passports or official travel documents and one (1) copy thereof (data and signature pages)	
Hong Kong or Macau Identity Card and one (1) copy thereof	
Hong Kong or Macau visa with expiration date, if applicable, and one (1) copy thereof The visa must be valid at least <u>2 months</u> beyond the intended return date	
Copies of previous Schengen visa(s)	
Cover letter of applicant stating purpose and itinerary of the trip	
Confirmed round-trip flight reservation between Switzerland and Hong Kong or Macau If visiting other countries within the Schengen Area, flight, train, bus or rental car bookings must also be submitted accordingly	
Accommodation reservation(s) for every night spent in the Schengen Area Hotel bookings; rental contract for chalet/apartment; utility or property tax bills if the property is self-owned	
Proof of financial means Bank statements of the <u>last 3 months</u> stating your full name and address Credit cards statements or deposits are <u>not</u> accepted as proof of financial means	
Proof of employment Leave letter from current employer stating the position in the company, monthly salary, the purpose and duration of intended trip as well as the date of returning to work or Proof of education enrolment Letter from current school or university confirming the enrolment, stating the nature of study, the purpose and duration of intended trip as well as the date of returning to study	
Travel health insurance issued by a Hong Kong, Macau or Schengen based company Confirmation, coversheet or policy with schedule of benefits including: First name, surname and date of birth of applicant Coverage for all Schengen member states or worldwide and total duration of intended stay Minimum coverage of equivalent of HKD300,000 for emergency medical expenses and repatriation costs Letterhead with the address and contact details of the insurance company	

Please note that:

- No guarantee can be given that the visa will be issued.
- If your documents are not in a Swiss language (German, French, Italian) or English, they need to be translated in one of the aforementioned languages.
- Supporting documents from Mainland China (e.g., bank statements, proof of employment, travel
 insurance or itinerary etc.) will not be accepted and that applicants with such documents will be
 referred to a Swiss representation in Mainland China.
- The Consulate General of Switzerland reserves the right to ask for additional documents.
- Applications are to be submitted at the Schengen representation of the country of your main destination. Tourists who spend equal time in several Schengen states are required to apply for the visa at the representation of the country where they enter the Schengen area. If no main destination can be determined, the representation of the Schengen Member State whose external border the applicant intends to cross first, must deal with the application.
- No copies are made on your behalf and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The visa fee has to be paid (either cash or with Visa/Mastercard) when submitting the application. Please check our website for the current fees in HKD, these are subject to changes at any time and without prior notice in relation to exchange rate fluctuations. The visa is free of charge for spouses and children of EU/EFTA nationals, and children under six years of age.