



**Leaflet SWISS NATIONAL VISA  
STUDY (Long-stay D-Visa)**

**General application rules:**

- The visa section is open by appointments for applications of national visa (Type D). Inquiries and appointment requests are to be submitted via e-mail to: [cairo.visa@eda.admin.ch](mailto:cairo.visa@eda.admin.ch)
- If a requested document cannot be provided, there must be a written explanation instead, clarifying why the document is not available
- The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents or a personal interview with the applicant
- Communication regarding visa matters are only accepted in written form to [cairo.visa@eda.admin.ch](mailto:cairo.visa@eda.admin.ch)
- The visa section of the Swiss Embassy will give information about visa requests only to the applicant him/herself and only in written form
- All requested documents have to be translated into German, French, Italian or English  
*A list of recognized translators can be found at the Embassy website:*  
<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/egypt/en/home/dienstleistungen/arzt-anwalt.html>

**Responsibility and Processing Time:**

- Visa applications for the purpose of study will be transmitted for decision to the competent Swiss immigration authority of the canton
- The Embassy is only allowed to issue an entry visa upon receipt of a positive decision or authorization
- **The normal processing period is from 8 to 12 weeks at the minimum**

**Requirements**

Visa Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/egypt/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/documents-national.html">https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/egypt/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/documents-national.html</a></li> <li>➤ <u>3 application forms</u> required, duly filled-in and signed by the applicant</li> </ul>
Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ issued within the last 10 years and containing at least 2 blank pages</li> <li>➤ <u>2 copies</u> required of data page plus all non-empty pages (all visas &amp; stamps)</li> </ul>
Previous passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ covering the past 7 years</li> <li>➤ <u>2 copies</u> required of data page plus all non-empty pages</li> </ul>
For foreigners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>2 copies</u> of your valid residence permit in Egypt</li> </ul>
Passport-size personal photo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ in color with white background and not older than 6 months</li> <li>➤ <u>3 Photos</u> required</li> </ul>
Intention Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Original + 1 copy</u> required</li> <li>➤ Must be signed and dated and containing the following information:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main motive for studying in Switzerland</li> <li>• Explanation for the choice of the school / faculty</li> <li>• Detailed plan for the studies</li> <li>• Final diploma (Diploma, Academic Title)</li> <li>• Personal plans after finishing the studies</li> <li>• A written statement to voluntarily depart from Switzerland upon completion of the study period</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
From the School / University in Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>2 copies</u> of the confirmation of inscription and acceptance letter</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>2 copies</u> of the confirmation of payment for the required study fees, deposit or the confirmation of granted scholarship</li> </ul>
Proof of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>2 copies</u> of the confirmation from the students' dormitory, private flat contract, etc.</li> <li>➤ If you are intending to stay at a friend's or relative's place in Switzerland, please submit the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>2 copies</u> of a written confirmation letter (signed &amp; dated) from your friend or relative, inviting you to stay at his/her place for the entire duration of your study</li> <li>• <u>2 copies</u> of your friend's Swiss passport OR <u>2 copies</u> of your friend's foreign passport plus the valid residence permit in Switzerland</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ If you are still looking for an accommodation, please provide <u>2 copies</u> of any correspondences (e-mails, temporary hotel bookings, etc.) proofing your search for an accommodation</li> </ul>
Certificate of available financial means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Original + 1 copy</u> of your saving or current bank account, showing the transactions of the past six months, with sufficient means in the closing balance to cover min. 1 year of your stay</li> <li>➤ If you do not own a bank account, you can submit the bank statement of a sponsor together with the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Original + 1 copy</u> of a written declaration from your sponsor (signed &amp; dated), confirming that he/she will be responsible for all your expenses during your entire stay of study</li> <li>• <u>2 copies</u> of his/her passport (data page + page with his/her signature)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
School / University Certificates or Diplomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Originals + 2 copies</u> of your high school and/or university certificates (the originals will only be viewed and returned to the student)</li> </ul>
Language Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ If available, <u>originals + 2 copies</u> of any language diplomas or certificates of language courses (the originals will only be viewed and returned to the student)</li> </ul>
Visa Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Free of charge</li> </ul>

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Visa Section Cairo