



Stay for more than 90 days consecutive - Work Visa

The process of obtaining a visa for the purpose of gainful employment in Switzerland begins with the submission of the application for a work permit to the competent [cantonal authorities](#). This initial application has to be submitted through the future employer in Switzerland.

Once the cantonal immigration and employment market authorities have authorized the issuance of an entry visa to Switzerland, the applicant may submit the following documents to the Embassy of Switzerland in Tokyo for visa issuance:

- **1 print-out of the national (type D) [visa application form](#)**: fully filled out in a Swiss or English language, dated and signed.
- **1 colored passport photo** (please consult the requirements on the following [website](#) from the European Commission)
- **Passport**: issued within 10 years with at least 2 blank visa pages, must be valid at least 3 months after your scheduled departure from the Schengen area. **Please attach 1 copy**
- **Residence card** or special permanent resident certificate. **Please attach 1 copy**
- **Copy of Authorization of Entry Visa**, issued by the cantonal immigration authority
- **Visa fee**: please check the website for the [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**.

You may submit your visa application in person at the Embassy or by mail.

Working as an official or for an international organization in Switzerland: Please contact the Embassy of Switzerland for detailed information on the application process.

The visa issuance may take 2 – 4 working days. If you wish to receive your passport back by post, please submit a prepaid, self-addressed return envelope with a tracking number of a secure carrier ([letter pack](#)). Applicants must indicate their name and address as recipient. The Swiss representation doesn't assume any liability for lost documents returned by mail.