



## Visa for gainful activity (more than 8 days per calendar year)

Gainful activity is subject to authorization by the competent office for migration, even if only temporarily and less than 90 days. The employer must take the necessary steps in Switzerland and apply for the work permit of the visa applicant at the competent office for migration. Once the authorization has been obtained, the applicant is requested to submit the following documents in person at the [Swiss Consular Agency in Laos](#) during the opening hours. Please arrange an appointment in advance: [vientiane.ca@eda.admin.ch](mailto:vientiane.ca@eda.admin.ch) / +856 21 251 794

### ***Documentary requirements***

- [Visa application form](#)  
("Application for a long stay visa D") duly filled out, dated and signed by the applicant
- [Two identical passport photos](#) made within the last 3 months in colour with neutral light background, 3.5 – 4 cm in width, head takes up 70-80% of surface
- **Passport**  
valid at least three months after the planned entry date in the Schengen territory, at least two blank pages, for resident foreigners: work permit and/or resident permit and valid exit/reentry permit in the passport
- **One photocopy of the passport**  
personal data page
- **Authorization from the office for migration**  
"Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung (Einreiseerlaubnis)" / „Authorisation habilitant les représentations Suisses à délivrer un visa"

### **Fee**

[Here](#) you can find the visa application-handling fee.

### ***Procedure***

All documents submitted at the [Swiss Consular Agency in Laos](#) will be sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by weekly courier [with postage fee](#) for the issuance of the visa. The passport will usually be returned to Vientiane the following week. The Swiss Consular Agency in Laos will inform the applicant about the exact pick up date of the passport.