



D NATIONAL VISA – STUDIES IN SWITZERLAND

Processing your visa application

- Book an appointment by e-mail to abuja.visa@eda.admin.ch (see also "[how to book an appointment](#)").
- Visa applications are received every morning (except Fridays), from 8.30am.
- Please book an appointment immediately after receiving the admission letter from the school / university in Switzerland. Submission may be as early as six months prior and not later than ten weeks prior to the date of departure.
- Applicants must appear at the Embassy in person.
- Failing to bring all required documents will result in having to book a new appointment.
- The complete application will be forwarded to the [cantonal immigration authority](#) responsible for the decision. The procedure takes at least 8 - 12 weeks. Once the application has been approved, you will have to submit your original passport to this Embassy in order to obtain your visa.

Fees

Study visa is free of charge.

Documents to submit (additional documents might be requested)

2 sets of applications will contain all the documents listed below, while the third will contain only the copy of the passport data page. Please do not staple the documents.

<input type="checkbox"/>	3x national (type D) visa application forms	duly filled-in and signed (application forms are free of charge).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passport	valid at least three months after leaving Switzerland and with at least two blank visa pages; please additionally submit all previous passports, either valid or cancelled. Original + 2 copies of the identification page
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nigerian residence permit	For non-Nigerian nationals residing in Nigeria only. Original + 2 copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 passport photographs	in color, 35x45 mm, white background, not older than 3 months, good quality. Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of admission to the university / school in Switzerland	Original + 2 copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diplomas and Certificates	Along with translations if applicable Original + 2 copies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motivation Letter	Stating the objectives of the study, signed and dated Original + 1 copy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Written Commitment to leave Switzerland after studies	Signed and dated Original + 1 copy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Written Statement with Student's Intention at the End of the Studies	Signed and dated Original + 1 copy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Payment of the Swiss university / school fees, or Proof of Exemption	Signed and dated. Original + 2 copies

<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Financial Means	Original bank statements for the last 6 months, stamped & signed by the bank, bank certificates, etc. Original + 2 copies. ➤ If sponsored: a signed and dated sponsorship letter , along with a copy of the sponsor's passport data page (pages with photo, personal data and signature) and his/her original bank statements for the last 6 months, stamped & signed by the bank. Original + 2 copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum Vitae / Resume	Original + 2 copies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Languages Skills	If available, such as TOEFL or IELTS Certificates in German, French or Italian.

Minors (under the age of 18 years old)

Both parents (respectively legal guardian(s)) must sign the visa application form (original signatures only).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Birth Certificate	Original and one photocopy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Both parents' passports	Copy of the data pages.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent letter	dated and signed, from both parents if the minor travels alone, or from the parent that is not accompanying the child. ➤ If one of the parents is absent or deceased: this must be supported by a court decision or a death certificate when applicable. ➤ If the legal guardian is someone else apart from the parent as stated in the birth certificate: a custody order (Affidavits are not accepted) must be submitted proving the legal guardianship.