Family Reunion Visa

Please note: only foreign residents in Romania or Bulgaria who have a valid permanent resident permit may apply for a National long-term Visa D for family reunion.

You will have to submit your application personally by the Swiss Embassy in Bucharest.

Personal presence by the Swiss Embassy in Bucharest for the visa application is required.

The following documents are required if the marriage to a Swiss citizen has already been registered in Switzerland or if you are in the process of registering the marriage in Switzerland:

• 3 national (type D) visa application forms, fully completed and signed by the applicant. Applications which are not duly completed, dated and signed will not be accepted. Please also indicate your e-mail address and a contact phone number. (The forms can be downloaded on our web-site)

- 4 recent passport photos. Digital files and photocopies will **not** be accepted.
- Original valid passport and 3 copies (main page only)
- Original valid residence permit (Romania or Bulgaria) and 3 copies
- Marriage certificate, original and 3 copies
- Invitation letter from the spouse resident in Switzerland, original and 3 copies
- Passport and residence permit copies of the spouse resident in Switzerland, 3 copies
- Visa fee in cash (if applicable)

Please note that where applicable, documents must be translated in an official Swiss language or at least in English.

Your request will be forwarded for decision to the competent cantonal migration authority where you intend to reside. The representation will only be able to issue your visa upon receipt of the authorization. Please note that the procedure can take between 8 and 14 weeks depending on the Canton. The competent cantonal migration authority might requests additional documents.

Once the authorization has been received, you can submit the passport to the competent Swiss representation in order to obtain you visa. Please note that if you wish to send your passport by fast courier, you will be responsible for the postage fees.

For other questions please contact us: Phone: 021 206 16 00 (Monday to Thursday 08:00 - 17:00 / Friday 08:00 - 14:00) E-Mail: <u>southeasterneurope@eda.admin.ch</u> Website: <u>www.eda.admin.ch/bucarest</u>

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