



VISA D – STUDIES

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Information sheet for people who intend to study in Switzerland (more than 90 days).

GENERAL INFORMATIONS FOR STUDYING IN SWITZERLAND:

Applications for the "Visa D - Studies" are ONLY accepted at the Swiss Consulate General in Istanbul.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicants must submit the application in person (including minors).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Consulate General of Switzerland reserves the right not to accept incomplete dossiers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
No electronically issued (online) documents will be accepted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The application for study purposes is sent to the responsible migration authority in Switzerland, which is responsible for approving the application. The Consulate General of Switzerland can only issue the Visa D after receiving the authorization of the migration authorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
A waiting period of at least 8-10 weeks must be expected (even longer).	<input type="checkbox"/>
For further informations regarding "Visa D - Studies" please contact: istanbul.visa@eda.admin.ch	<input type="checkbox"/>

DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION "VISA D – STUDIES"

Please submit all documents in following order and do <u>not</u> staple them.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All documents must be issued in the name of the applicant.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Consulate General of Switzerland reserves the right to request further documents.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three application forms for a national visa D (Application for a long stay visa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html o Duly completed (German, French, Italian or English) o All forms must be signed personally (for minors, one of their legal guardians must sign the visa form) o Filled in by typewriter, online or in block letters (with a blue or black pen) o Please fill in your telephone number and e-mail address! 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Four recent, identical passport pictures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o For further information consult: https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/Technical%20Reports/Annex_A-Photograph_Guidelines.pdf 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valid Passport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Issued within the last 10 years o Minimum 2 empty pages o Valid at least 3 month after leaving the Schengen Area 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two copies of passport (original & two (2) copies): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please make legible copies on A4 sheets o First page (page with the biometric data) o If available, previous visas and entry/exit stamps 	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO THE VISA APPLICATION FORM MUST BE PROVIDED IN DUPLICATE TRANSLATED INTO ONE OF THE SWISS NATIONAL LANGUAGES

The student and/or the guarantor/sponsor in Switzerland must proof possession of sufficient funds according to the cantonal requirements to cover the study. At least one of the proofs listed below must be provided (in duplicate):

- A declaration of commitment (Verpflichtungserklärung) and proof of income or assets of a solvent person resident in Switzerland (if the latter is of foreign origin, he must also have a residence permit)
- Confirmation from a bank licensed in Switzerland confirming the existence of sufficient assets. Banks licensed in Switzerland are those banks, which have been approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).
- A fixed guarantee for the granting of training scholarships or loans (in Swiss francs)
- Two (2) copies of the payment confirmation covering the school fees for the first year

Letter of acceptance respectively certificate of matriculation of the school or University in Switzerland (original & two (2) copies)

Previous diplomas and school certificates (original & two (2) copies)

CV (curriculum vitae) (in duplicate)

Letter of motivation including intentions for the future (in duplicate)

Written and signed declaration by the student that he/she will return to Switzerland after completing his/her studies (in duplicate)

Visa fee: For students the visa fee is for free

INFORMATION: The applicant will be tested in the chosen study language

Scholarship: Switzerland offers each year two University scholarships to Turkish citizen who would like to study in Switzerland. These 9-months research scholarships are only open to university graduates. Applications must be submitted to the Turkish Ministry of Education in Ankara in October/November. The process for scholarships is conducted in cooperation with the Turkish Ministry of Education. Every August the Ministry publishes an information on its website www.meb.gov.tr. For further information, please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Ankara: ank.vertretung@eda.admin.ch