



REQUIREMENTS FOR A VISA FOR STUDENTS National Visa D (more than 90 days)

The Embassy of Switzerland in Caracas requires the following documents in order to process your visa application:

1.	Original and 3 photocopies of passport (photo, personal data and signature page only), with at least three months validity and 2 blank pages	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Three (3) national (type D) visa application forms duly completed in German, French, Italian, English or Spanish, signed by the applicant https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	3 recent passport sized photographs (size: 35x45mm), on neutral background	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Foreign nationals: Resident permit with validity of at least 3 months of validity (original and 2 photocopies)	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Letter of admission to the university/school in Switzerland (original and 1 copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Proof of payment of the Swiss university/school fees (original and 1 copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Curriculum Vitae (original and 1 copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Diplomas and certificates, along with translations if applicable (original and 1 copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Motivation letter stating the objectives of the study, signed and dated by the applicant (original and 1 copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Letter of institution in case that all expenses for the study will be covered by scholarship (2 copies)	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Confirmation of future accommodation in Switzerland. If the applicant will stay with family/friends, we require a confirmation letter as well as a passport copy. If the host is not a Swiss citizen, then we additionally require a copy of the residence permit (2 copies)	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Proof of sufficient funds for the planned duration of your stay (bank statements, bank certificates, etc.) If sponsored: a signed and dated sponsorship letter will have to be submitted along with a copy of the sponsor's passport (pages with photo, personal data and signature only) and his/her bank statements (original and 1 copy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Proof of languages skills such as TOEFL or IELTS certificates. German, French or Italian language certificates, if available (2 copies)	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Confirmation in writing that you will leave Switzerland after completion of the studies (2 copies)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that:

- If necessary, you may be requested to submit additional documents.
- No copies are made on your behalf and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Depending on the school/university chosen, it is possible that the Embassy may have to evaluate the applicant's language skills with an oral and written test. In those cases, personal appearance is mandatory.
- Your request will be forwarded for a decision to the competent cantonal immigration authority where you intend to stay. The procedure takes at least 8 -12 weeks. This time is an approximation and may vary considerably depending on the canton responsible and the elements of the application.