



## BIOMETRIC SHENGEN VISAS

### **Visa information for Citizens of Burundi and Foreigners with valid legal work/resident permit in Burundi.**

Effective from 6th June 2013 due to introduction of biometric visa process, citizens of **Burundi, holders of officials or ordinary valid passports**, going to **Switzerland** can apply for schengen visas of **categories A and C only** at the **Embassy of Belgium in Bujumbura**. For more information, link to web page <http://www.diplomatie.be/bujumbura>

**All foreign visa applicants** with legal work/resident permit in Burundi must appear **personally** at the Embassy of Switzerland in Nairobi for **all "short stay"** visas of categories A and C to submit their visa application. Embassy of Belgium in Bujumbura **is not competent** for examining their visa applications. Kindly make a visa appointment 4 weeks prior to the intended date of travel. See the email address below.

#### **Embassy of Switzerland in Nairobi**

Visa appointment ONLY email address: [nai.visaappointment@eda.admin.ch](mailto:nai.visaappointment@eda.admin.ch)

Enquiries ONLY email address: [nai.visa@eda.admin.ch](mailto:nai.visa@eda.admin.ch)

**Short stay C** visa (less than 3 months stay) for the purposes of private visits sponsored by friends or relatives, tourism, business, official travel, training, workshop, seminar, sports, ski trips.

**Long stay D** visa (more than 3 months stay) for the purposes of family reunion, study and work, **all citizens of Burundi and Foreigners** with legal work/resident permit in Burundi to submit their visa application personally through our Swiss Consulate in Bujumbura. Enquiries email address: [acbjumbura@sdc.net](mailto:acbjumbura@sdc.net)

As some exceptions apply (see the list below) for citizens of Burundi, we recommend submission of visa applications 4 weeks prior to the intended date of travel.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** IT IS OBLIGATORY TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTION ON THE WEB PAGE MENTIONED ABOVE FOR ALL VISA APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE EMBASSY OF BELGIUM IN BURUNDI.

#### **Embassy of Belgium in Bujumbura**

Boulevard de la Liberté, 9  
BP 1920, Bujumbura  
Burundi  
Telephone +257 22226176.

Email : [Bujumbura@diplobel.fed.be](mailto:Bujumbura@diplobel.fed.be)

Website: <http://www.diplomatie.be/bujumbura>

Closed on Burundi public holidays.

In representing Switzerland for the purpose of examining visa applications and issuing visas for short stays in the Schengen area (visa type A and C), the Belgium Embassy in Bujumbura **will not be competent** for citizens of Burundi and Foreigners for examining the following visa applications:

- Visa applications for short stays linked to a gainful activities.
- Visa applications for short stays linked to a study programme in Switzerland.
- Visa applications for short stays for medical purposes.
- Visa applications for short stays lodged by citizens of certain countries (check with the Embassy of Switzerland in Nairobi if you are not a citizen of Burundi)
- Visa applications lodged by holders of diplomatic, service or special passports who are not citizen of Burundi.

- Visa applications lodged by holders of an ordinary passport who intend to enter Switzerland on official purpose and who are not citizen of Burundi.

In the event of Embassy of Belgium in Bujumbura not being competent to examine an application, it will inform the applicant that he/she must submit personally the application to the Embassy of Switzerland in Nairobi after an appointment has been made in advance.

Kindly follow the various steps to ensure that the Embassy in Nairobi will receive a 100% fully completed applications with all the required enclosures based on the checklist requirements referring to the category and purpose of your trip.

**Embassy of Switzerland in Nairobi.**

Website: <http://www.eda.admin.ch/nairobi>

Telephone enquiries through dedicated and special visa number

+254 708 168 982 which is attended as follows:

From Monday to Thursday, 13.30 to 15.00.

**Contacts de l'Agence consulaire (Ambassade de Suisse à Bujumbura)**

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<b>Tel. Sat. SDC</b>	031 322 18 36

**Email SDC:** [bujumbura@sdc.net](mailto:bujumbura@sdc.net)  
**Email Consulate :** [acbujumbura@sdc.net](mailto:acbujumbura@sdc.net)  
**Website** [www.eda.admin.ch/nairobi](http://www.eda.admin.ch/nairobi)

**Thank you for your kind cooperation and understanding.**