



## Family Reunion (national Visa, Type D)

According to the agreement between Switzerland and its neighbouring states, nationals of EU and EFTA countries benefit from particular conditions with regard to family reunion. They can enter Switzerland directly and contact the competent migration office in Switzerland for their residence permit, without having to contact the Swiss representation in Germany beforehand.

Foreign spouses and children of third countries (non-EU / non-EFTA countries) must submit the following documents (unstapled, in the following order):

- 1) Three [Visa application forms](#) (National type D visa application form), duly filled in and signed by the applicant.
- 2) Three identical, recently taken passport photos (3,5 cm x 4,5 cm), with neutral background. Please attach two photos on the application form and submit one loose.
- 3) National passport (valid for at least three months and with two blank pages) and two copies (photo, personal data and signature pages only).
- 4) German residence permit (original) and two copies.
- 5) Two copies of passport/travel document of spouse/partner/parent in Switzerland. If applicable, include two copies of his/her Swiss residence permit.
- 6) For spouses/partners: original marriage or partnership certificate together with two copies. Documents in any language other than German, French, Italian or English require a certified translation.
- 7) For minors (children under the age of 18): Original birth certificate with two copies. Documents in any language other than German, French, Italian or English) require a certified translation.
- 8) If applicable: custody agreement (original) and two copies.
- 9) Adults: Proof of language competency (A1) in the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland **or** confirmation of enrollment in a language course that will allow this level to be acquired (original and 2 copies). A list of recognized language certificates can be found on the following web site: <https://www.fide-info.ch/en/>.
- 10) Visa fees: see web site [National visa fees](#).

### Minors (children under 18 years of age) need additionally:

- 11) Signature of both parents/legal guardians on the visa application forms (see point 1) and two copies of the parents'/legal guardian's passport.

The applicant has to submit the documents personally. **An appointment is required.**

Your application will be submitted for a decision to the competent migration office in Switzerland where you intend to stay. The procedure will take approx. 6 – 12 weeks. The Consulate/Embassy can issue your entry visa D only after the authorization has been issued.

To follow up on the status of the application the reference person (e.g. spouse) can contact the competent migration office in Switzerland once the documents have been submitted by the applicant.

Unaccompanied children require a certified authorization to travel, signed by both parents/legal guardians who have custody (in German, French, Italian or English), in original and two copies.

This is not an exhaustive list. If required, you may be asked to submit additional documents.