



Student Visa for long-term stay (more than 90 days; national visa, Type D)

Citizens of third countries (non-EU / non-EFTA nationals) planning to attend a school or a university in Switzerland for more than three months are requested to 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 (size 3,5 cm x 4,5 cm), with neutral background. Please attach two photos directly 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 of the photo, personal data and signature pages.
- 4) German residence permit (original) and two copies.
- 5) Confirmation/registration letter from the university/school in Switzerland (original and two copies).
- 6) Proof of payment of tuition fee (original and two copies).
- 7) Two copies of financial proof containing details of income and assets such as bank statements of the last three months, bank letter confirming the account balance or written confirmation of a scholarship (CHF 21'000 per year). Alternatively, a written confirmation from a sponsor living in Switzerland granting financial support during your stay in Switzerland. The confirmation must be issued in German, French, Italian or English (original and two copies) and submitted with a proof of financial means of the sponsor, two passport copies and – if applicable - two copies of the Swiss residence permit).
- 8) Two copies of CV/resume in German, French, Italian or English.
- 9) Original and two copies of previous diplomas, school certificates, language diplomas, language courses attended (incl. certified translation into German, French, Italian or English).
- 10) Two copies of a motivation letter containing the reasons for studying in Switzerland (why it is an advantage for your professional future), the expected degree course, the desired qualification (diploma, academic title), a brief essay on the applicant's future plans, confirmation that the studies in Germany have been completed, future address in Switzerland, brief description of your family circumstances, which benefits offers this education for your professional future, have you been unemployed in the past two years, etc.
- 11) Visa fees: student visas are free of charge.

Minors (children under the age of 18) additionally need:

- 12) Signature of both parents/legal guardians on the visa application forms (see point 1) as well as two copies of each of the parents'/legal guardian's passport.
- 13) Original birth certificate (translated in German, French, Italian or English) and two copies.

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.

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.