



## Entry to the Schengen Area / Visa Procedure

The following information may be useful if you are planning to visit Switzerland or if you are expecting a visitor from abroad.

<b>Useful information</b>
Information on general entry requirements is available online <a href="https://www.sem.admin.ch">https://www.sem.admin.ch</a> > Topics > Entry
For multiple entries/departures to and from the Schengen area (including Switzerland) we recommend you consult <a href="#">Calculation of short-term stays/short-stay calculator</a> . The page includes a short-stay calculator.
If you would like to work in Switzerland or plan to stay longer than 90 days, please contact the <a href="#">competent cantonal migration office</a>
<p><b>Validity of travel document</b></p> <p>Regardless of whether you require a visa, you must be in possession of a valid travel document recognised by the Swiss authorities (<a href="#">see List 1, Annex 1</a>). Your travel document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must be valid for at least 3 months after the date on which you plan to leave Switzerland and</li> <li>• must have been issued within the last 10 years.</li> </ul>

### Do I Need a Visa?

Information on visa requirements for your nationality is available at [Link](#)

#### No

##### What do I need to keep in mind when entering Switzerland?

Your stay in the Schengen area (including Switzerland) may not exceed 90 days in any 180-day period.

Please note the [Entry requirements](#) for Switzerland.

If you enter Switzerland without a visa, you may be questioned by the border authorities on the reason for your stay and on your financial means. You may be refused entry if there is any doubt as to the reasons for your stay, or if you do not have sufficient financial means. In the case of the latter, you may be required to submit a declaration of sponsorship by a guarantor at the border.

If you are travelling to Switzerland to visit someone, it may be helpful to have a personal invitation from your host to show to the border authorities or to be met by your host at the airport. This is not mandatory, however.

#### Yes

##### Where should I submit my visa application?

If you require a visa, you can submit your application to the [Swiss embassy or consulate](#) responsible for your place of residence

##### Where can I obtain an application form?

You can download the [Application form](#) from our website or obtain the application form free of charge from the appropriate Swiss embassy or consulate.

##### What documents do I have to enclose with the application? How much does the visa cost?

You should enclose your travel document, proof of health insurance and any other documents to support the purpose of your visit. You can obtain information on the documentation required and visa fees on the [website](#) of the appropriate embassy/consulate.

##### Do I need to submit a declaration of sponsorship?

The embassy/consulate will decide whether you need to submit a declaration of sponsorship (see information sheet *Declaration of Sponsorship*).

### Issuance of Visa

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However, you must comply with the period of validity entered on the visa sticker and the number of days you are allowed to stay.

### Visa Refusal

#### What rights do I have?

If your visa application is refused, you can appeal.