



Student visa; stay of more than 90 days (national Visa, type D)

For people intending to study in Switzerland

Pupils and students who wish to attend a school or university **for more than three months** have to submit the following documents sufficient in advance (3 month):

1. 3 application forms "Antrag auf Erteilung eines Visums für den langfristigen Aufenthalt (Visum D)", (Application for long term-stay visa, visa D) duly completed (in German, French, Italian or English) and signed by the applicant in person (consult "Visa forms / Photo requirements" on our website).
2. Passport which must be valid for at least three months after the date of the first departure from the Schengen area and containing at least two empty pages.
(It is also possible to submit the application with a passport with shorter validity, but in this case a new a passport must be presented at the time of the issue of the visa).
3. 2 copies of the applicant's passport (pages with photo, personal data and signature).
4. 2 copies of the last two Schengen visas (if applicable).
5. 4 identical, recent passport photographs, meeting Schengen requirements (three glued on the application forms, the fourth attached. Consult "Visa forms / Photo requirements" on our website).
6. Confirmation/matriculation letter from the school or university (original plus 2 copies).
7. Confirmation of tuition and other fees payment (original plus 2 copies).
8. Written confirmation of the sponsor that he/she covers all the costs (when in Russian, with translation: German, French, Italian or English), a solvency proof (e.g. bank account statement showing the movements for the last three months or letter by the bank confirming the balance of the account) - original and copy, and 2 copies of his/her passport (pages with photo, personal data and signature).
Bank account statements and letters by the bank confirming the account's balance must either be issued in German, French, Italian or English or be translated into one of these languages.
9. Previous diplomas, school certificates and study plan translated into German, French, Italian or English (original plus 2 copies).
10. Curriculum vitae translated into German, French, Italian or English (original plus copy).
11. Motivation letter, indicating why you decided to study in Switzerland, how these studies will be beneficial for your career, etc. (2 originals).
12. Signed obligation by the applicant to leave Switzerland after completion of the studies/the education (may be handwritten; 2 originals).

For children under 18 years of age:

In addition:

13. Birth certificate (original and 2 copies) and legalized translation (into German, French, Italian or English).
14. If a child travels alone or is only accompanied by one parent, an authorization translated (into German, French, Italian or English) and signed in front of a notary public by the parents/the parent who is not travelling, is required (original and copy).
15. Copies of the valid Schengen visas of the parents travelling together with the child, if the parents submit their visa applications not at the same time.

For Third country nationals:

All non-Russian citizens living in Russia have to be legal residents of the Russian Federation and need to present the relevant documents (residence permit, long-term visa or FMS registration: original and copy).

To ascertain linguistic proficiency of the student, the Embassy of Switzerland may require a short, oral language test.

The applicant's documents will be forwarded for decision to the responsible immigration authority in Switzerland. The Embassy of Switzerland can only issue a student visa upon receipt of the authorization. Please note that the procedure takes approx. 6 – 12 weeks.

People wishing to apply for a student visa with duration of more than 90 days must submit their application **in person**.

The Embassy of Switzerland reserves the right to:

- request additional documents

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