



Do I require a visa for Switzerland?

Travellers wishing to enter Switzerland for the purpose of tourism, business trips and visits for a maximum stay of 90 days do NOT require a Schengen visa for Switzerland if they hold one of the following passports:

1) BRITISH PASSPORT must contain one of the following remarks:

- “British Citizen” (B.C)
- “British National” (Overseas)”
- “British Overseas Territory Citizen”
- ”British Subject”
- “British Protected Persons”

2) TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- UK travel document, issued to refugees by the Home Office, with blue cover, two black stripes (gold stripes since 16.08.96) in the top left hand corner and mentioning the UN Convention 28 July 1951
- UK travel document, issued to stateless people by the Home Office, with red cover and mentioning the UN Convention 28 September 1954
- UK certificate of travel, with black cover (**DO require a visa if their nationality is NOT one mentioned on list no 4 below**)
- LATVIA Alien’s Passport

3) NATIONAL, OFFICIAL or DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, IDENTITY CARD

- of all EU countries and EEA

4) NATIONAL, OFFICIAL or DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT of any of the following countries:

Albania *	Colombia	Kiribati	Northern Mariana Islands	Singapore
Andorra	Costa Rica	Macao	Palau	Seychelles
Argentina	Croatia	Macedonia *	Panama	South Korea
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Malaysia	Paraguay	Taiwan
Australia	El Salvador	Marshall Islands	Peru	Trinidad and Tobago
Bahamas	Georgia *	Mauritius	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Tuvalu
Barbados	Grenada	Mexico	Saint Lucia	Ukraine *
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guatemala	Micronesia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	USA
Brazil	Honduras	Monaco	Salomon Islands	Uruguay
Brunei	Hong Kong (HKSAR)	Montenegro *	Samoa (West)	Vanuatu
Canada	Israel	New Zealand	San Marino	Vatican
Chile	Japan	Nicaragua	Serbia *	Venezuela

* Only holders of biometric passports are exempt from the visa requirements

5) DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT of any of the following countries:

Algeria	Dominican Republic	Jamaica	Namibia	Tunisia
Armenia	Ecuador	Kuwait	Oman	Ukraine
Benin	Guyana	Kyrgyzstan	Philippines	Turkey
Bolivia	India	Moldova	Russia	UAE
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Indonesia	Mongolia	South Africa	Vietnam *
Cuba	Iran	Morocco	Thailand	

* Only if they travel on an official mission

6) OFFICIAL PASSPORT

Bolivia	Ecuador	Mongolia	Namibia	Thailand
Dominican Republic	Jamaica	Morocco	Philippines	Tunisia

7) SERVICE PASSPORT of any of the following countries:

Algeria	Dominican Republic	Kuwait	Namibia	Turkey
Benin	Ecuador	Macedonia	Oman	Ukraine
Bolivia	Guyana	Moldova	South Africa	UAE
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Indonesia	Mongolia	Thailand	
Cuba	Jamaica	Morocco	Tunisia	

8) SPECIAL PASSPORT of any of the following countries:

Bolivia	Ecuador	Oman	UAE
Colombia	Kuwait	Thailand	
Cuba	Macedonia	Tunisia	
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Turkey	

9) SCHOOL TRIPS EXEMPTION

Pupils of UK schools who would normally require a visa to enter Switzerland are exempt from the visa requirements if they are listed on a "List of Travellers" form which must be shown to immigration officials. They must also:

- be travelling on a school trip
- be accompanied by a teacher from the school
- have their own valid travel document
- have a valid UK residence permit or visa

To obtain the List of Travellers form, the teacher should apply online at:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/listoftravellers>

Further information about the List of Travellers can be obtained from:

British Council Information Centre

Tel. 0161 957 7755

Email: general.enquiries@britishcouncil.org

If you do not fulfil the above conditions you have to obtain a Schengen visa.

Please note that the visa application must be submitted to the Swiss Representation responsible for your place of residence. A visa application not submitted to the correct Swiss Representation may be rejected.