



Family Reunion / Residence (national visa, type D)

Please note: For each applicant a complete file is required (including children). If necessary, copies of the relevant documents like copy/copies of passport(s) and residence permit(s) of family member(s) already in Switzerland are to be made for each file.

Swiss citizens, whose foreign spouses and/or foreign children would like to move to Switzerland and to settle down there with him/her, should contact the Swiss Embassy. Among other things, it needs to be clarified if all relevant changes of civil status (e.g. marriage abroad) have already been registered in Switzerland.

General documents for residence and family reunion:

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 Switzerland and containing at least two empty pages.
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 form, the fourth attached) (consult "Visa forms / Photo requirements" on our website).

Additional documents for residence:

- Proof of solvency (bank statement showing the account-movements during the last 3 months or letter of the bank confirming the balance of the account translated into German, French or Italian – original and copy).
- Police clearance with "Apostille", translated (into German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy
- Motivation letter (reason for intention to settle in Switzerland; indication of future address in Switzerland, etc.) in German, French or Italian - original and copy.

Additional documents for family reunion:

- 2 copies of passport of family member already residing in Switzerland (spouse, father/mother).
- 2 copies of residence permit (B or C) of family member already residing in Switzerland (spouse, father/mother).
- Marriage certificate (Duplicate) with "Apostille", translated (into German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy.

- letter of spouse that he/she is awaiting his/her spouse and - if applicable - the child/children in Switzerland (in German, French or Italian - original and copy).
- Police clearance with "Apostille", translated (into German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy. For minor applicants until the age of 16 no police clearance is required.
- Adults: Proof of language competency (A1) in the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland **or** confirmation of enrolment in a language course that will allow this level to be acquired. The Swiss representations do not conduct language tests. Please consult the [factsheet on proof of language skills](#) (Page 2) and [FAQ](#) for further details.

For children under 18 years of age (in addition to the general documents and the documents for family reunion):

- Birth certificate (Duplicate) with "Apostille", translated (into German, French or Italian) and legalized + 1 copy
- If a child wants to live with one of his/her parents, while the second parent remains in Russia or Belarus or Uzbekistan: an authorization signed by the one parent remaining in Russia or Belarus or Uzbekistan in front of a notary public, translated (into German, French, Italian or English) and legalized + 1 copy.

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).

The responsible authorities in Switzerland may request further documents.

The applicant's file will be forwarded to the responsible migration authority in Switzerland. The Swiss Embassy can only issue a residence or family reunion visa upon receipt of the authorization. Please note that the procedure takes approximately 6 - 12 weeks.

The Swiss Embassy reserves the right to:

- request additional documents

Please note:

- The purchase of property in Switzerland does not automatically give the right to a residence permit.
- Authorizations for residence (without employment) are issued only in a very limited number.

Moscow, 22.05.2019