



## **Family reunion visa for stay of more than 90 days (National type D visa)**

Due to the agreement between Switzerland and its neighbor countries, citizens from the EU and EFTA enjoy special conditions for family reunion. They can directly get in touch with the responsible Swiss migration offices in Switzerland without having to contact the Swiss representation.

[https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/ueberuns/kontakt/kantonale\\_behoerden/adressen\\_kantone\\_und.html](https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/ueberuns/kontakt/kantonale_behoerden/adressen_kantone_und.html)

All non-EU / EFTA nationals who wish to move to Switzerland to join their family members must submit a visa application to the Regional Consular Center in Vienna.

The following documents have to be submitted **personally** during office hours (Monday-Thursday between 09.00 and 11.00):

1. Three visa application forms (in English, German, French or Italian) duly completed and signed by the applicant: See "**National (type D) visa application form**" on the website <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>
2. Three identical Schengen-type passport photos of recent date (in color against a white background)
3. Original passport, which must be valid at least three months longer than the validity of the visa and have at least two empty pages, together with two copies (pages with photo, personal information and signature)
4. Original residence permit with two copies, if not resident in country of origin
5. 2 copies of the passport of the family member living in Switzerland
6. 2 copies of the Swiss residence permit of the family member living in Switzerland (if not Swiss citizen)
7. Original marriage certificate (officially translated in German, French or Italian) and two copies of it.
8. Proof of language competency (A1) of the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland (see following 2 Links):

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/integration-einbuengerung/mein-beitrag/zugewandert/sprache.html>

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/fr/home/themen/aufenthalt/faq.html> (available in French and German only)

### **Additionally, for minors (below the age of 18):**

9. Signature of both parents (or legal guardians) on application forms (see under 1 above) together with two copies of their passports
10. Original birth certificate authenticated and translated into German, French or Italian, with two copies

The responsible Swiss authorities can request additional documents at any time if necessary.

The fees for processing the application must be paid at the time of submission. Processing begins on reception of the duly completed forms by the Swiss representation, together with the supporting documents. Fees will not be refunded in the case of refusal.

There is no visa fee for family members of Swiss and EU citizens.

The application will be forwarded to the competent migration authorities in Switzerland for a decision. The decision of the Office for Migration will be mailed directly to you. Please bear in mind that this procedure normally takes between 6 and 12 weeks. The Regional Consular Centre in Vienna will only be able to issue a visa once authorization has been granted.

Once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted, the visa can be collected in person (or through a person carrying a written authorization) without prior appointment during the opening hours at the Regional Consular Center in Vienna (by the applicant himself or by an authorized third person). Please bring your passport and the letter of authorization "Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung" with you. To process your application smoothly we suggest you arrive as early as possible. Then normally the visa is ready the same afternoon.

If you have any questions, please contact the Regional Consular Center ([wien.cc@eda.admin.ch](mailto:wien.cc@eda.admin.ch)).