



Scientific, academic, cultural or artistic activities – Visa Information Sheet

For persons undertaking journeys for scientific, academic, cultural or artistic activities, including university and other exchange programs held in Switzerland

Please complete your visa application [online](#). Appointments can only be booked [online](#) if the visa application is filled in online at the same time. For more information, see page 3.

The following documents must be submitted to the visa section:

- Visa application form, duly completed and signed (signed by both parents for minors), filled in [online](#) or by hand
- Original passport which must be valid for at least three months beyond the planned stay, have been issued within the previous ten years and contain at least two empty pages, AND copy of the passport (identity page with signature), as well as copies of previous Schengen visa with entry/exit stamps
- 2 recent pictures with a plain light-colored background according to the [guidelines](#) (do not attach it to the application form)
- Proof of accommodation: voucher or booking from hotel(s), clearly indicating: name and surname of the visa applicant; duration of the stay; contact details of hotel(s)
- Flight or travel reservations or other proof of intended transport. A round trip booking *[if applicable]*
- The travel plan (if visiting more than one country)
- Original and copy of travel accident/medical insurance: coverage minimum EUR 30'000 or USD 50'000 for the whole stay, valid for all Schengen countries, period of validity shall include an additional period of 15 days (original or copy). Insurance must include Covid-19 related treatment costs up to minimum coverage (EUR 30'000 or USD 50'000). If necessary, verify with your insurance company that the travel accident/medical insurance fulfills these conditions
- Proof of solvency: current bank statement incl. listed salary payments for the last 3 months; and/or certificate of real estate property or proof of other assets, that generate regular income; proof of pension; or proof of other regular income
- Original and copy of marriage certificate *[if applicable]* with a translation into a Swiss national language or English

Minors (under 18 years of age): Original and copy of birth certificate with a translation into a Swiss national language or English; the consent of the parental authority and/or legal guardian shall be provided through a notarised certificate: a) if the minor travels alone or only with one parent; b) if the minor travels without his/her legal guardian; c) if the minor is travelling with one of his/her legal guardians



- A letter from the employer (in English, or in Azerbaijani language with English translation) on official company paper with stamp, signature, date and clearly mentioning address, landline telephone numbers of the employing company; the countersigning officer's name and position in the company, the name of the employee, position, salary and duration of employment; confirmation of business trip with duration and purpose

*Company owners must submit the original certificate of state registration or notarized copy of the certificate on registration (extract from the state registry) and the Taxpayer Identification Number (Tin) and tax return documents.
Students: Proof of enrolment in university*

- a) A written request from the host organization to participate in those activities, containing the following information: the full address and name of the organization; the name and position of the countersigning person; purpose of the event and role of the applicant; duration of the stay; name of the person or entity who will bear applicant's travel and living costs.

b) An entry ticket/voucher for cultural/artistic event(s) must be presented by spectators or guests.
- Non-Azerbaijani nationals residing in Azerbaijan: Original and copy of the temporary or permanent residence permit granted to the foreigner or stateless person residing in the Republic of Azerbaijan and the relevant card issued by the State Migration Service. It shall be valid 3 months beyond the intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States

The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents after the first examination of the application

Other important information:

Online application

After downloading the application form as a PDF, please make sure to click "next" to reach the visa fee payment question (credit card or cash payment). Subsequently, you must confirm your choice by clicking "next" in order to complete the registration process.

Tourism: if you are intending to stay in more than one hotel during your stay in the Schengen area, please add all hotels by using the "+" option.

Processing time / Passport return

A visa application should be submitted at least 15 calendar days before the planned trip; it can be submitted up to six months before the start of the planned trip.

After having accepted your visa application, the visa officer will inform you of the date when you can pick-up your passport.



Visa appointments

If there is no free appointment available to be booked online, please write an e-mail to: baku.visa@eda.admin.ch and provide the information required on the Embassy's [webpage](#).

The Visa section reserves the right to reschedule appointments as needed. Therefore, please check your e-mails regularly, also in the spam folder.

Fees

AZN 62 for Azerbaijani passport holders older than 18 years and free of charge for children up to 18 years of age. For other nationalities, please consult [webpage](#). The visa fee can be paid [online](#) in EUR with a credit card when registering the application or in cash in AZN when submitting the visa application.

The visa fee of Azerbaijani citizens is waived if proof is submitted with the documents presented that their trip is necessary for humanitarian reasons, such as to receive urgent medical treatment, to attend the funeral of a close relative, or to visit a seriously ill close relative as well as persons accompanying them if necessary.

Opening hours of visa section

Visa applications: Monday to Thursday 09:00 to 12:00 (appointment only). Passport return Monday to Thursday: 14:00 – 15:00 (no appointment necessary).

Group applications

Groups of 6 persons or more are kindly requested to contact the embassy directly by e-mail without booking an on-line appointment.

Various

More information on visa related matters is available on the Embassy's [website](#)

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