



Leaflet SWISS SCHENGEN VISA VISITING FAMILY / FRIENDS (*Schengen Privilege*)

Applicants who are married to a Swiss, EU or EFTA national, as well as children (below 21 years old) of Swiss, EU or EFTA nationals benefit from a privileged visa procedure.

How to apply:

- The visa section is open by appointments for applications of Schengen visa (type C). Inquiries and appointment requests are to be submitted via e-mail to: cairo.visa@eda.admin.ch
 - or through our external service provider **VFS Global Centre**:
- Prior to the submission of a visa request, an appointment has to be fixed with VFS Centre online on the VFS website: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/egy/en/che/>

General application rules:

- If a requested document cannot be provided, there must be a written explanation instead, clarifying why the document is not available.
- The mandatory "Schengen Consultation", which takes a processing time period at least 10 working days, can only be started upon receiving a complete application file meeting the requirements.
- Communication regarding visa matters are only accepted in written form to cairo.visa@eda.admin.ch or for VFS applicants to info.cheg@vfsglobal.com or by calling +20248837966
- The Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents or a personal interview with the applicant.

Requirements from “Schengen Privilege” applicants

Visa Application Form <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/egypt/en/home/visa/entry-ch/up-90-days/documents-schengen.html#>

Must be duly filled-in and signed by the applicant!

Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ original and copies of biometric data page plus all non-empty pages➤ issued within the last 10 years➤ contains at least 2 blank pages➤ must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the return from the planned trip
1 passport-size personal photo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ with white background➤ not older than 6 months
Marriage contract or Family certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ only copy required➤ must be issued by a Schengen / EU / EFTA member country (not older than 6 month)
Family member's Swiss, EU or EFTA passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ copy of biometric data page only
for children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ birth certificate

Additional special requirements

If the Swiss spouse is not living in Egypt and is not registered at our Embassy, the following additional requirements have to be submitted:

- invitation letter from the Swiss partner, declaring that she/he is expecting her/his spouse for a visiting period not exceeding 3 months
 - copy of the Swiss passport (only data page)
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Cairo, August 2025

Visa Section Cairo