



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cairo.visa@eda.admin.ch) or for VFS applicants to [info.cheg@vfsglobal.com](mailto:info.cheg@vfsglobal.com) or by calling +20221600058
- 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!

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

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## 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, December 2024

Visa Section Cairo