



WORK VISA

For people who intend to work (paid or unpaid) in Switzerland.

As of the 16/01/2014, applications for Work Visas can only be deposited by the prospective employer in Switzerland at the relevant work and migration authority in Switzerland.

Once you have received a copy of the cantonal authorization, contact the Visa Section at this Embassy to get your entry visa.

Please note that **the authorization itself is not an entry permit** to Switzerland, and it is necessary to obtain the entry visa, which is issued in your passport, from the Embassy of Switzerland prior to your departure.

Required documents:

- The visa applicant has to contact the Embassy to get the entry visa
- If necessary, Biometric data is to be taken at the Embassy
- Recent [passport photo](#), meeting Schengen requirements
- Original Passport which is valid for a minimum of six months and containing at least two empty pages
- Copy of the passport or travel document (pages with photo, personal data and signature)
- Copy of the cantonal authorization if available with your contact details (Email, phone number and address)
- Payment of the Visa fee in cash

Important notice

- Following your legal entry, you have to register yourself with the [competent cantonal migration authority](#) within 14 days, and before the start of your activity.
- Health insurance is compulsory for any person that lives in Switzerland. You have to be covered against sickness and accidents.

[Information regarding residence and working permits](#)

Important notice when passing the border:

The border authorities are obliged to examine whether the conditions for the traveler's entry still apply. If the prerequisites for entry no longer apply or if you are unable to provide the relevant evidence, you may be refused entry although you are in possession of a valid visa. **It is therefore strongly recommended that you carry copies of the documents (e.g. letters of invitation, travel confirmations) which you supplied with your visa application.**

For additional information, please consult [Visa regulations](#) or [State Secretariat for Migration](#)