



Visa for studies in Switzerland

To lodge an application for a long stay visa (visa D), to study in Switzerland, the applicant needs to make an appointment on line via the internet webpage : www.swiss-visa.ch . Please bring a printed version of the appointment confirmation.

Documents to be provided (please class them in the same order)

- 3 national (type D) visa application forms, fully completed and signed by the applicant. In case of minors (under 18 years of age), both parents will need to sign and enclose a legalized copy of their identity document ;
- 2 identical recent passport photos (70 to 80 % of the face on the picture - format 35x45mm Digital files and photocopies will not be accepted) ;
- Original national biometric passport valid at least 3 months after the date of entry and with at least 2 free pages
- 3 copies of national passport
- 2 copies of confirmation of registration letter or eligibility attestation from university or high school in Switzerland
- 2 copies of confirmation of payment of school tuition fees (if applicable)
- Curriculum Vitae in duplicate
- Motivation letter in duplicate (personal letter of the student, dated and signed explaining why he/she would like to pursue his/her studies in Switzerland and future plans upon completion of studies in Switzerland)
- Personal study plan, i.e. total duration of studies in Switzerland, intended degree(s) in duplicate
- 2 copies of previous diplomas and certificates (if any).

All documents must be certified and conform to the original by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Anosy Antananarivo for the Malagasy documents.

For Seychelles, the copies should have an Apostille

- Application form for a residence permit for studies in duplicate (usually, available on the website of the canton)
- Proof of financial means in duplicate (Form usually available on the webpage of the competent canton). Otherwise letter signed by the financial guarantor with copy of an identity document
- 2 copies of an identity document of the financial guarantor
- Formal written commitment to leave Switzerland at the end of the planned studies in duplicate

These is not an exhaustive list. If necessary, you may be requested to submit additional documents.

Visa applications for academic studies are free of charge.

Persons who do not have student status are subject to a fee of € 80.00. Amount to be paid cash in Ariary according to the exchange rate at the time of application.

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Non-refundable in case of visa refusal or withdrawal of the application.

Visa application will be forwarded for a decision to the competent cantonal migration authorities where the student intend to study or to settle down and the representation will only be able to issue your visa upon receipt of the authorization. Please also consult the information about the application for a residence permit for study purposes on the concerned cantonal website

Please note that the procedure takes at least 8 to 12 weeks, or even longer.

N.B. opening hours of the Embassy to the public: Monday-Friday from 08.30 am to 11.30 am (except public holidays).