

## LIST OF REQUIREMENTS - NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION VISA D

If you are a resident (national or foreigner) of Nigeria planning to get married in Switzerland or to join your family member/s in Switzerland, you can apply for an authorization at the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja.

You can submit your visa application by appointment only. Appointments may be booked Monday to Thursday, 09.00 – 11.00am either by sending an e-mail to <a href="mailto:abuja.visa@eda.admin.ch">abuja.visa@eda.admin.ch</a> or by calling +234 (0)810 071 8141 (Monday to Thursday, 02.00 – 03.00pm only).

Spouses or fiancés of Swiss citizens whose marriage is not yet registered in Switzerland have to first contact the section of the Embassy in charge of civil status matters. Please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:abuja@eda.admin.ch">abuja@eda.admin.ch</a> to obtain more information and request an appointment. Same procedure for the birth of a child of a Swiss citizen not yet registered in Switzerland.

The application is to be submitted in person and on time at the Embassy of Switzerland in Abuja.

Please submit the documents in the exact order given below, please do not staple any documents:

3 national (type D) visa application forms duly completed & signed by the applicant.	
In case of minors (under 18 years of age):	
<ul> <li>Both parents will need to sign the forms and add a copy of their passports.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>A letter of consent from both parents will have to be submitted.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>If applicable: Custody agreements/order will have to be submitted.</li> </ul>	
Passport or official travel document, issued within the last 10 year, with at least three months	
validity and with at least 2 blank pages	
Original and 2 photocopies (photo, personal data and signature page only)	
Valid Schengen, UK, US & Canada visas	
2 photocopies	
In case of refusal stamps from above mentioned embassies, submit copies of the official	
refusal letter	
Foreign nationals residing in Nigeria:	
Valid resident permit with validity of at least 3 months after the planned stay in Switzerland	
Original and 2 photocopies	
4 identical recent <b>passport photos</b> (in color, white background, no head-covering/wig/dark	
glasses)	
Passport of your spouse / fiancé(e) / parent(s) -> pages with photo, personal data and	
signature only	
2 photocopies	
Swiss residence permit of the spouse / fiancé(e) / parent(s), if applicable	
2 photocopies	
Marriage Certificate and/or Birth Certificate (children)	
2 photocopies	
Proof of language competency (A1) of the language spoken at the future place of	
residence in Switzerland (see factsheet on proof of language skills and FAQs on proof of	
language skills on the website of this Embassy).	
Visa fee: please check website for current fees. For spouses and children of Swiss and	
EU/EFTA nationals, and for children under six years of age, the visa is <b>free of charge</b> .	

## Please note that:

The Embassy of Switzerland reserves the right to ask for additional documents.

Your request will be forwarded for a decision to the competent <u>cantonal immigration authority</u> where you intend to stay. The procedure takes at least 8 -12 weeks. Once the entry visa has been authorized, you will have to submit your original passport or travel document to this Embassy in order to obtain your visa.

No copies are made on your behalf and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

In order to avoid all misunderstandings and delays the Embassy recommends the applicant to present additional civil status documents to be verified by its lawyer of confidence (one original and three copies). This is not compulsory. For more information, please check the 'Leaflet Marriage' on the embassy website www.eda.admin.ch/abuja.