



OFFICIAL VISA

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Required Documents:

Schengen visa application form

Fully completed, dated and signed by the applicant himself or the legal guardian. If the applicant is a minor under the age of 18, both parents must sign the form and add a copy of their signed passports.

Invitation letter

Holders of official or diplomatic passports:

A Note Verbal issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a Non Objection Certificate (NOC) from the department to which the official belongs, both stating the purpose of the visit and its duration.

Other members of official visits (businesspersons, civil society representatives) travelling on ordinary passports:

A letter on letterhead from the sending and an invitation letter from the receiving authorities both stating the names and position of the participants in the official delegation and the purpose of the visit (trade promotion, visits or appointments, etc.)

Media personnel accompanying official delegations:

An invitation letter on letterhead from the sending authorities to participate in the official delegation whose details (duration, place) should be given and stating the name and position of the invited media personnel and a copy of the press card.

The invitation letter has to be send directly to the applicant and has to be submitted together with the application.

Travel insurance

A travel medical insurance covering emergency medical, hospitalization and repatriation (including in case of death). The minimum cover should be of EUR 30'000.00. This insurance must be valid for the entire Schengen area and throughout the duration of the stay. Holders of diplomatic passports (all travel purposes) and official/service passports (official travel only) are exempt from providing insurance.

We recommend that you purchase an insurance with a validity of 7, 14, 31 ,90 or 365 day insurance (based on your trip duration) that is valid from first entry and that doesn't have a fixed validity. This will give you flexibility in the event of unforeseen changes (change of your plans, flight cancelations, etc).

Holders of diplomatic passports (all travel purposes) and official/service passports (official travel only) do not need to show insurance. If a service passport holder plans to add a few days of leisure trip at the end of the official part of the trip, an insurance will be needed to cover those extra days of leisure.



- Passport photographs**
Recent in colour (**not older than 6 months**), size must be 3.5 x 4.5 cm with a light background, not stapled. Head covers are not permitted except for religious reasons. Full visibility of the face. (**Two** pieces)

- Passport**
The original valid passport

Important General Information

- ❖ *Note for children and spouse of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals: please only provide the following documents: Application form, photographs, original passport, photocopy of passport, photocopy of valid Swiss or EU/EFTA passport (of spouse/parent) and proof of family relation (copy of marriage or birth certificate / Family Registration Certificate).*
- ❖ *Visa applications from non-residents in Pakistan will only be accepted if proof of legal residence can be provided. Pakistani nationals, residing in another country than Pakistan, have to submit their applications to the Swiss representation competent for their place of residence.*
- ❖ *The visa application can only be submitted max. 6 months prior to the departure date.*
- ❖ *The application form has to be filled out in English, German, French or Italian.*
- ❖ *An application without the complete set of documents according to the above-mentioned list may result in a rejection of the visa application.*
- ❖ *This is not a comprehensive list. The Embassy of Switzerland in Islamabad reserves the right to ask for additional supporting documents and/or a personal interview at this Embassy.*
- ❖ *No documents will be returned after submission and verification by this Embassy.*
- ❖ *During the visa application process, questions regarding your visa application may **only** submitted by email to: islamabad.visa@eda.admin.ch, please do allow time for a reply.*
- ❖ *In case of refusal, the visa fees are not refundable.*
- ❖ *Decision on the application will normally take place within 15 calendar days after lodging the application.*

- ❖ *All documents must be in English, translated to English by a sworn-in translator, or in an official Swiss language (German, French, Italian) within the last 6 months.*
- ❖ *All copies must be format A4*
- ❖ **Minors (under the age of 18):** *If travelling unaccompanied or with one parent / legal guardian, a letter of consent from the parent/s issued by a Notary Public. Both parents must sign the visa application form and add a copy of their signed passports.*
- ❖ **Biometric Data:** *If your finger scans were collected within the last 59 months then you won't have to give new fingerprints for your next visa application(s) and personal appearance is not necessary but a written power of attorney must be submitted with the visa application. However, you have to provide a copy of your previously issued Schengen visa sticker. If you are not sure or do not remember whether your fingerprints have been captured for a Schengen visa within the last 59 months, you have to appear in person. You will still have to appear in person to give your fingerprints in case the previously collected fingerprints prove to be of insufficient quality.*

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