

**Application for entry permit (national visa D), the following procedure applies from 1 May 2022.**

Due to changed visa regulations, the application for an entry and residence permit must be submitted directly to the cantonal migration authority of your future place of residence in Switzerland. This application can be submitted as follows:

- In person: If the person holds a valid residence permit or a visa (D) for a longer-term stay of a Schengen state, he or she may enter Switzerland in order to submit an application for a residence permit to the competent cantonal authority, provided that the ordinary entry requirements are met (valid passport, Duration of stay of 90 days in a period of 180 days, sufficient financial means for the duration of the stay, no existing measure of detention, residence permit valid at the time of entry into Switzerland or visa for a longer-term stay). In addition, the person must register with the competent cantonal authority no later than 14 days after entering Switzerland (cf. Art. 15 of the Ordinance on Admission, Residence and Gainful Employment; VZAE).
- by post or online (if provided for by the competent cantonal authorities) directly to the cantonal authorities;
- in special cases and on the instructions of the competent cantonal authority, at the competent representation, provided the latter is willing to accept the application. At the same time, it informs the person concerned that the application has been forwarded.

**The person no longer has to apply for a D visa from the representation concerned in order to be allowed to enter Switzerland.** However, the residence permit or visa D issued by a Schengen state must be valid at the time of entry into Switzerland.

If this is not the case or if the person has to surrender his or her residence permit before leaving the Schengen state that issued it, he or she will need a visa D to enter Switzerland. This visa is issued by the Swiss representation on the basis of the recorded authorization.

As soon as the competent cantonal authority has all the necessary documents, it examines the application for authorization in accordance with the relevant directives. The decision is communicated to the applicant in an appropriate form (usually by e-mail).