



Checklist for **TRANSIT**

Schedule your appointment at least 3 weeks prior to your departure date in order to allow sufficient time for the processing of your application. Visa applications can be submitted up to six months in advance **but no later than 15 days before the planned departure.**

Book your appointment at VFS Global. <https://www.vfsglobal.ch/switzerland/srilanka/>
VFS Colombo: Brown's Capital Building, 3rd floor, No: 19, Dudley Senanayake Mawatha, Colombo 08, Tel: 011 235 0670
VFS Jaffna: 89, Brown Road, Jaffna, Tel: 021 492 2150

- Fill all parts of the application form **and** the questionnaire in clear writing or typing.
- Arrange **photocopies** of all the supporting documents **as per the checklist order.**
- Keep all the originals of the supporting documents separately. Original documents have to be shown at the VFS counter but will be returned to the applicant after the interview.
- All the photocopies of the documents should be in **A4 size.**
These photocopies are part of the application and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Do not staple the documents together.
- Documents in Sinhalese, Tamil or Dhivehi must be presented with an official translation in one of the following languages: English, German, French or Italian.

√ **X** n/a

1. If you had a previous Schengen Visa issued in the past 59 months: Under the condition that your fingerprints were taken adequately the last time you obtained a Schengen visa you do not have to submit your fingerprints again and therefore your presence is not mandatory for lodging your application. In case you are not attending personally the representing person needs a written authorization to lodge your application			
2. Visa application form must be duly filled in and signed by the applicant (write in block letters and use black or blue ink only) Application form can be obtained free of charge from VFS/Embassy of Switzerland or downloaded from the following link : https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html			
3. One clear and colour passport-size photo. (with white / light background; must be taken within the last six months)			
4. Valid passport & previous passport Current passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended stay. Copy of the bio page & amendment page should be annexed to the application form. Passport must contain at least two blank pages. Photocopy of all visas (valid and expired) of last 5 years Previous passport (if available) or a police report if the previous passport is lost			
5. Copy of the valid visa for the final destination			
6. Travel itinerary. Arrival and departure flight ticket			
7. Applicants below 18 years travelling alone or with guardian should have either a letter giving consent to travel from both parents and appointment of guardianship certified by Divisional Secretariat, with copy of parent's ID and birth certificate of the child. If required, either both parents or guardian should appear in person for the interview.			

Visa processing fee:

For adults: Euro 80.00

For children 6 to 12 years: Euro 40.00

For children below 6 years: free of charge

Please prepare the exact amount in Sri Lankan Rupees, which has to be paid in cash at the time of lodging the application. For the amount in Sri Lanka Rupees, refer to VFS website, frequently asked questions. In case of application being refused or withdrawn the fee is not reimbursed.

Remarks:

The following travellers do not need a transit visa:

- Maldivian citizen and Sri Lankan nationals holding diplomatic passport or official passport.
- Holders **of a valid visa** issued by one of the following states: Schengen Member State, Bulgaria*, Ireland*, Croatia*, Romania*, Cyprus*, Japan*, Canada*, United States of America*, Overseas country or territory of the Netherlands: Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

*If the aforementioned third-country nationals do not make the return journey from these countries after the visa expires, but return from another third country, this exemption from the airport transit visa requirement does not apply.
- Holders **of a valid residence permit** issued by one of the following countries: Schengen Member State, Bulgaria, Ireland, Croatia, Romania, Cyprus, Andorra*, Japan*, Canada*, San Marino*, United States of America*, Overseas country or territory of the Netherlands: Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.

* Provided that the unconditional readmission of the holder of the residence permit is guaranteed.
- Family members of citizens of an EU/EFTA member state

In case you need further clarification whether the residence permit you hold exempts from the airport transit visa you can contact the Embassy of Switzerland.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Embassy of Switzerland explicitly reserves the right

- to request more information or additional documents.
- to verify the contents and authenticity of the documents presented.
- to send the application to the Swiss Federal Authority for decision.
- to refuse a visa based on incorrect/false/incomplete declarations or on forged documents.

Visitors by appointment only: Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12pm

Address

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Important notice when passing the border:

The border authorities are obliged to examine whether the conditions for the traveller'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 which you supplied with your visa application.**

VFS to select as appropriate:

- Original civil status, banking, property documents and their copies are matching.
- Original civil status, banking and property documents have been returned to the applicant at VFS counter on the day of the submission.

Application Checklist

Name, date of birth and telephone number of applicant	Passport number:
Purpose of Visit:	Visa fee:

Incomplete file

Your application is not complete. The following documents are missing:

Documents	Comments

I understand that any incomplete file may lead to a refusal of my visa application by **“The Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka”**

<input type="checkbox"/> SEND THE RECORD I read the above statement and despite the possibility of a refusal of my visa application I want “VFS Global” to send my visa application to “The Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka” . Reception date: Signature:	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENT OF EVIDENCE I read the above statement and wish to complete the visa application before “..... today” . Additional documents deposited after will not be sent to “the Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka” . Reception date: Signature:	<input type="checkbox"/> GIVE UP APPLICATION I read the above statement and noted my increased chance of visa rejection. I would like to give up my visa application and recover my visa fee. I recognize that the service fee charged by “VFS Global” will not be refunded. Reception date: Signature:
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Statement of consent:

Granting or refusal of a visa is at the sole discretion of “the Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka”,” VFS Global” holds no influence over the final decision.

The applications received by “VFS Global” are transferred by internal or external courier to “the Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka”, which has the exclusive responsibility to request additional information and documents and to decide to grant or deny a visa. “VFS Global” is therefore not involved in the decision of the visa application, and is not aware of its outcome as passports are returned by “the Embassy of Switzerland in Sri Lanka” in sealed envelopes.

Date:

Signature of applicant: