



Thailand: Student visa

(stay of more than 3 months)

Documentary requirements *(Students going to the Canton of Lucerne LU, refer to ******)*

- **Three (3) [Visa application forms](#)** (National (type D) visa application form) duly filled in, dated and signed by the applicant; for minors signature of parental authority or legal guardian
- **Four (4) [passport pictures](#)** recently made color pictures, 3.5 - 4 cm in width, neutral light background, head takes up 70-80% of the surface
- **Passport** valid at least three months after the planned entry date in the Schengen territory, at least two blank pages; for resident foreigners: work permit and/or resident permit and valid exit/re-entry permit in the passport
- **Two (2) photocopies of the passport** personal data page, official entries and previous Schengen visa

Two (2) identical sets of the following and in this order:

- **Registration confirmation** school/university, original & 1 photocopy OR 2 photocopies (original will be returned)
- **Payment confirmation** school fees, original & 1 photocopy OR 2 photocopies (original will be returned)
- **Proof of sufficient funds** for the duration of the intended stay in Switzerland (last 3 months statements issued/stamped by bank of applicant or sponsors with letter of sponsorship or guarantee), original & 1 photocopy
- **Diploma or school/academic certificate (*)** of already completed or ongoing studies, original & 2 photocopies (original will be returned)
- **CV** in English or in one of the Swiss national languages, original & 1 photocopy
- **Written commitment from the applicant** to leave Switzerland after the intended stay, original & 1 photocopy
- **Letter of motivation** including the reason for studies in Switzerland (proof that the proposed studies are necessary for further studies or employment in the country of residence) and the future plans after the studies, original & 1 photocopy
- **If under 18 years old (minor): Birth certificate (*)**
 - original & 2 photocopies (original will be returned)
 - original & 1 photocopy OR 2 photocopies (original will be returned):
consent of parental authority or legal guardian that minor Student travels to Switzerland, legalized by Amphoe.

If only one parent signs the consent, proof of sole custody needs to be submitted.

- **If available:** a TOEFL or IELTS certificate, kindly submit: Original & 2 photocopies (original will be returned)
- **Only complete applications will be accepted with the 2 sets in order.**
- **Documents in Thai language (*) must be translated into English or in one of the Swiss national languages by a Translation Office.**

Fees:

The Student visa is normally **free of charge** (with the exception for language schools)

Procedure:

Kindly submit your application personally at the Embassy of Switzerland in Bangkok by appointment only. [Please request your appointment here under Consular Service.](#)

The National Visa D application will be reviewed by the Visa Section and forwarded to the competent Office of Migration in Switzerland for decision. The process may take at least 6 up to 12 weeks.

Inquiry about the status of the application:

In order to enquire about the status of the application, the applicant may contact the Visa Section after 2 months earliest by [email](#), indicating:

SURNAME, Name, date of birth.

Once the visa has been approved by the Canton:

Please pass at the Embassy of Switzerland, Regional Consular Center, Visa Section, from Monday to Friday, 09h00 – 11h30, no appointment necessary, with the following documents:

- **Passport**
- **Authorization of the Canton (if available)**

The visa is issued immediately. You can also authorize a third person (with a simple letter, dated/signed) to bring your passport.

If you wish, you can send the passport & Authorization (if available) & a pre-addressed envelope with postal stamps for the return of the passport with visa to the Regional Consular Center, Visa Section.

**** For Students going to the Canton of Lucerne LU:**

The same documentary requirements apply with the following difference:

- ***One (1) Visa application form*** (instead of 3)
- ***Two (2) passport pictures*** (instead of 4)
- ***One (1) set of the supporting documents*** (instead of 2)