VISA D – STUDIES

GENERAL INFORMATIONS FOR STUDYING IN SWITZERLAND:

(READ CAREFULLY BEFORE PREPARING YOUR DOCUMENTS)

- Applications for family reunification are only accepted by the Swiss Consulate General in Istanbul
- Applications with missing documents will not be accepted
- Applicants must appear in person
- Electronic documents (documents from the online system) are not accepted
- In case of missing photocopies etc., the consulate cannot photocopy documents
- No additional time will be granted to complete the missing documents.
- In case of an incomplete application, you must request a new appointment by E-Mail
- The Consulate General of Switzerland in Istanbul has the right to request additional documents from you

DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION VISA D – STUDIES

PLEASE PREPARE THE DOCUMENTS IN THE SEQUENCE GIVEN BELOW, WITHOUT STAPLES, PAPER CLAMPS OR VIEWPOCKETS

- **ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO ONE OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**
- **A PHOTOCOPY OF EACH ORIGINAL MUST BE MADE**
- **THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOCOPIES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN 2 SEPARATE BUNDLES**

Three application forms for a national visa D (Application for a long stay visa) ○ https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html ○ Duly completed (German, French, Italian or English) ○ All forms must be signed personally (for minors, one of their legal guardians must sign the visa form) ○ Filled in by typewriter, online or in block letters (with a blue or black pen) ○ Please fill in your telephone number and e-mail address!	
Four recent, identical passport pictures ○ For further information consult: https://www.icao.int/Security/mrtd/Downloads/Technical%20Reports/Annex_A-Photograph_Guidelines.pdf	
Valid Passport: ○ Issued within the last 10 years ○ Minimum 2 empty pages ○ Valid at least 3 month after leaving the Schengen Area	
Two copies of passport : ○ Please make legible copies on A4 sheets ○ **3 copies first page** (page with the biometric data) ○ If available, previous visas and entry/exit stamps	

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ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO THE VISA APPLICATION FORM MUST BE PROVIDED IN DUPLICATE TRANSLATED INTO ONE OF THE SWISS NATIONAL LANGUAGES	
Two copies The student and/or the guarantor/sponsor in Switzerland must proof possession of sufficient funds according to the cantonal requirements to cover the study. At least one of the proofs listed below must be provided (in duplicate)**:** ○ A declaration of commitment (Verpflichtungserklärung) and proof of income or assets of a solvent person resident in Switzerland (if the latter is of foreign origin, he must also have a residence permit) ○ Confirmation from a bank licensed in Switzerland confirming the existence of sufficient assets. Banks licensed in Switzerland are those banks, which have been approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) ***(For questions regarding FINMA, please use the following address: https://www.finma.ch/de/finma-public/)*** ○ A fixed guarantee for the granting of training scholarships or loans **(in Swiss francs)** ○ **Two copies** of the payment confirmation covering the school fees for the first year	
Two copies Letter of acceptance respectively certificate of matriculation of the school or University in Switzerland (original & two (2) copies)	
Two copies Previous diplomas and school certificates (original & two (2) copies)	
Two copies CV (curriculum vitae) (in duplicate)	
Two copies Letter of motivation including intentions for the future (in duplicate)	
Written and signed declaration by the student that he/she will return to Switzerland after completing his/her studies (in duplicate)	
Visa fee: For students the visa fee is for free	
INFORMATION: The applicant will be tested in the chosen study language	
Scholarship: Every year, Switzerland awards university scholarships to Turkish nationals who wish to study in Switzerland. These PhD, postdoctoral and research scholarships are only awarded to university graduates. The application process is completed online via the portal of the Swiss Federal Commission for Scholarships (https://www.sbfi.admin.ch/en/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships). New calls for applications are published each year starting on 01.09. and can be viewed on the website of the Swiss Embassy (www.eda.admin.ch/ankara). The application deadline is the first week of December.	

VISA PROCEDURE

- The application will be forwarded to the responsible immigration office in Switzerland.
- The Consulate General of Switzerland in Istanbul can only issue D visas that have been approved by the responsible immigration office.
- It takes **at least** 8-12 weeks for the application to be completed.
- If your application is approved, please send your passport and the “Authorization for Visa Issue” to the Consulate General of Switzerland in Istanbul.