

PRECEDENCE IN SWITZERLAND**(Appendix to the Protocol regulations for the Swiss Confederation)***Amendment approved by the Federal Council and entered into force on 14 November 2012*

Governments, Parliaments and Courts, the Confederation, Cantons and Communes		Diplomats	Armed forces	Federal administration	Religious authorities and the teaching profession
1	1. President of the Confederation				
2	2. Vice President of the Federal Council				
3	3. Federal Councillors ¹		3. Commanding General		
4	4. President of the National Council				
5	5. President of the Council of States				
6	6. Federal Chancellor				
7	7. President of the Federal Supreme Court				
8	8. Former Federal Councillors				
9	9. Presidents of the cantonal governments ²				9. Cardinals; Council of the Federation of Protestant Churches; the Chief Rabbi
10	10. Vice President of the National Council				
11	11. Vice President of the Council of States				
12	12. Vice President of the Federal Supreme Court				12. Bishops
13			13. Chief of the Armed Forces	13. Secretaries of State	
14	14. Members of the National Council ¹				
15	15. Members of the Council of States ¹				
16	16. Judges of the Federal Supreme Court ¹				
17	17. President of the Federal Criminal Court				
18	18. President of the Federal Administrative Court				
19	19. President of the Federal Patent Court				
20		20. Heads of Swiss diplomatic missions ^{3,4}	20. Lieutenant Generals ^{3,4}	20. Chairman of the Board of the Swiss National Bank (SNB); Chairman of the Board of Swiss Federal Railways; Chairman of the Board of Swiss Post	20. Chairman of the Board of the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology
21	21. Vice Presidents of the cantonal governments ²				
22	22. Vice President of the Federal Criminal Court				
23	23. Vice President of the Federal Administrative Court				
24	24. Vice President of the Federal Patent Court				

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25	25. Members of the cantonal governments ²				
26				26. Board members of the Swiss National Bank	
27		27. Ambassadors ^{3,4}	27. Major Generals ^{3,4}	27. Delegates of the Federal Council; Directors of Federal Offices; Secretary-General of the Federal Assembly; Secretaries-General of the Federal Departments; Secretary General of the Federal Supreme Court; Federal Vice Chancellors of the Confederation; and trade agreement delegates ⁴	
28	28. Mayor of Berne				28. Rectors of universities and equivalent establishments
29	29. Presidents of cantonal legislatures ²		29. Brigadier Generals ^{3,4}	29. Deputy directors ⁴	
30					30. University deans and directors
31	34. Presidents of the cantonal courts ²				31. Deans of religious authorities
32	30. Judges of the Federal Criminal Court ¹				32. Professors of universities and equivalent establishments
33	31. Judges of the Federal Administrative Court ¹				
34	32. Judges of the Federal Patent Court ¹				
35	36. Presidents of municipal executive authorities ²				
36	37. Chancellors of cantons ²	36. Ministers ^{3,4}	36. Colonels ^{3,4}	36. Vice directors ⁴	
37	38. Members of cantonal legislatures ²				
38	39. Cantonal judges; cantonal public prosecutors; Presidents of municipal legislatures ²		38. Lieutenant-Colonels ³		
39			39. Majors ^{3,4}	39. Section heads ^{3,4}	39. Priests and Protestant Ministers
40					40. Curates

¹ Precedence is determined by the date when each member was elected.

The Commanding General comes afterwards.

² The cantonal authorities come in the order set out in the Constitution (Art. 1 Fed. Const.).³ On occasions of a diplomatic nature, representatives of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs will have precedence over the other departments; whereas on occasions of a military nature, representatives of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports, and members of the armed forces will have precedence.

⁴ This heading is not exhaustive, and does not reflect the order of precedence. Protocol is available to provide any further information and to determine, depending on the circumstances, the order of precedence for members of the federal administration.