



Requirements for Student Visa (National Visa D)

Applications for a visa D do not require your personal presence at our counter. Please submit your application file by post.

Please submit 3 applications forms and 4 photos

- [Application form](#) (type D), fully completed and signed by the applicant or both parents for minors
- Four recent passport sized photographs (1 glued on each form, 1 loose)

plus 2 identical sets of stapled documents in the following order:

- copy of valid passport (page with your personal data and picture)
- copy of proof of residence permit in Australia (**VEVO statement** not visa grant notice), if not an Australian citizen
- copy of confirmation/enrolment letter from the school or university in Switzerland
- copy of confirmation of payment of school tuition fees
- copy of proof of sufficient funds for the planned duration of your stay (e.g. bank statement of the last three months, letter of financial support by a parent containing also a copy of birth certificate of applicant, copy of passport and bank statement of parent)
- copy of previous diplomas and school certificates
- copy of CV (biographical data, schools attended etc.)
- copy of brief essay on the applicant's future plans, confirming that the applicant will leave Switzerland after he/she completes the studies

Students are exempt from paying any visa fees.

Please note that this is not a final list. If necessary, you may be requested to submit additional documents by the cantonal Migration Office or to do a language test. The cantons of **Geneva** and **Vaud** request an additional questionnaire which needs to be submitted in triplicate. The blank questionnaire can be obtained on request by email (sydney.visa@eda.admin.ch) from this Consulate General.

Procedure time is usually between 2-4 months.

The original of the passport is only needed by this Consulate General after the visa has been granted by the competent Migration Office in Switzerland. Unless otherwise stated, the visa D is valid for the initial entry only. Within 14 days of the arrival in Switzerland, you must register with the competent Migration Office, which will issue the actual residence permit.