



## **National Visa for SWITZERLAND** **(studies, family reunion)**

**These visas are applied for by post only, not in person.**

These requirements are valid for legal residents (PR card, work or study permit) of

- **BC, AB, SK, YT & NT** who intend to study for longer than 90 days in Switzerland or reunite with a family member in Switzerland.  
The visa application has to be submitted to the Consulate General of Switzerland in Vancouver.
- **QC, MB, NB, NL, NS, ON, PE & NU** who intend to study for longer than 90 days in Switzerland or reunite with a family member in Switzerland.  
The visa application has to be submitted to the Consulate General of Switzerland in Montreal.
- **The Bahamas** who intend to study for longer than 90 days in Switzerland or reunite with a family member in Switzerland.  
The visa application has to be submitted to the Consulate of Switzerland in Nassau ([nassau@honrep.ch](mailto:nassau@honrep.ch)) who will then forward it to the Consulate General of Switzerland in Montreal for processing.

Applicants who are not legal residents of Canada must apply in their country of residence.

### **Vancouver**

Consulate General of Switzerland  
790 - 999 Canada Place  
Vancouver, BC V6C 3E1

### **Montreal**

Consulate General of Switzerland  
1572 Av. du Docteur-Penfield  
Montreal, QC H3G 1C4

### **Important information for minors** (under the age of 18)

Both parents must sign the visa application form and the following additional documents are needed:

- a) The minor's birth certificate (containing father's and mother's name). If the document is not in German, English, French or Italian, a translation by an official translator in one of those languages is required.
- b) Copies of passports from both parents
- c) [Consent letter](#) if the minor travels alone or with one parent only, certified by a Canadian authority
- d) The relevant court documents if only one parent has guardianship
- e) Death certificate if one of the parents passed away



**General requirements (for all applications)**  
**(all documents must be in English, German, French or Italian)**

1. Three forms "Application for a long stay visa (visa D)" completed, dated and signed by the applicant.
2. Two legible photocopies of your passport (photo, data and signature pages only).
3. Two **loose** European size passport **color** photos according to [requirements](#)
4. If you are not a Canadian citizen, two photocopies of your proof of residency in Canada (PR card, work or study permit).
5. **Visa fee:** Please refer to our [website](#) for the current fee and methods of payment.

**Children and spouses of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals** are exempt from visa fees only if they include a copy of the Swiss or EU passport of parent or spouse and proof of family relation (marriage/birth certificate).

6. **IMPORTANT: Check the next page for additional requirements and documents to provide depending on the visa type.**



**PLEASE NOTE :**

- National visas are reviewed by immigration officials in Switzerland. This means that all mentioned supporting documents are **strongly suggested**. Missing documents may delay the visa process.
- If you cannot provide a document, mention the reasons for it (explanation in duplicate).
- The immigration office in Switzerland may contact you if further documentation is needed. The Consulate does not have the authority to comment on these specific requirements or exempt you from providing them.
- The Consulate may request a personal interview or additional documents at any time during the visa process.
- The procedure generally takes 6-15 weeks. **There is no fast track procedure.**
- Once you submitted the application, the Consulate does not have access to your file and, hence, does not know the status of your application.
- Once your visa has been approved, you will be informed by the immigration office and a file number will be given to you (in German: ZEMIS, in French: SYMIC, in Italian: SIMIC). Please contact the appropriate Consulate by email for further instructions when you have received the file number or a confirmation that your visa has been approved.



## Specific additional requirements according to visa type:

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### Student visa (you intend to study in Switzerland longer than 90 days)

**Please note:** Each and every supporting document must be provided in **duplicate**:

- Confirmation of enrolment at the school or university in Switzerland.
  - Confirmation of payment of tuition fees (if the tuition is not paid yet, please mention why not and when the payment will be made).
  - Details of income and assets, with official proof and/or bank statements.
  - Confirmation in writing that you will leave Switzerland after completion of the studies.
  - A curriculum vitae mentioning biographical data, study and work progress.
  - A motivation letter specifying why you wish to study in Switzerland and how these studies will help you to achieve your future goals.
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### Family reunion (you intend to join a family member who is living in Switzerland or intends to live there)

**Please note:** Each and every supporting document must be provided in **duplicate**:

- Copy of a valid governmental picture ID document of spouse/partner/parent
  - Spouse:** copy of marriage certificate or registered partnership.  
**Children:** copy of birth certificate mentioning names of both parents
  - Spouse and children of Swiss nationals:** The marriage/partnership/birth must be registered with the competent civil status authorities in Switzerland. Please contact the Consulate for information.
  - If you are in a **common law relationship**, please outline your relationship (for how long you have known your partner and have been living with him/her at the same address). Please list your common children.
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