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Information sheet for life partner and close acquaintance

In cases of special necessity, it is possible to enter Switzerland despite the entry ban. Persons who require a visa must apply for one at the Swiss representation where they live, explaining why they are a case of special necessity. In certain cases, the Swiss representation may be able to provide a Laissez-passer.

Third-country nationals, who do not require a visa, may apply for a Laissez-passer.

The entry for the purpose of visiting your life partner or a close acquaintance is possible if you have

- an invitation from the partner/acquaintance living in Switzerland (Swiss citizen or foreign person with a Swiss residence permit)
- a confirmation of the existing partnership/acquaintance is submitted, and
- proof of at least one visit in Switzerland or abroad prior to the issuance of entry restrictions.

Purely holiday acquaintances do not entitle to enter Switzerland. The persons concerned must be able to prove that they were in a long-term relationship before and during the Corona crisis.

Required documents:

- copy of foreign travel document
- written invitation from the person resident in Switzerland, with a copy of the Swiss passport or Swiss residence permit
- confirmation of partnership signed by both parties (letter or scanned document)
- proof of long-term civil partnership (e.g. letter and e-mail correspondence, social media, telephone bills, flight ticket, photos)
- proof (e.g. passport copy with entry and exit stamps) that at least one mutual personal visit took place in Switzerland or abroad before the introduction of entry restrictions.

To apply for a laissez-passer at the Swiss Embassy in Tel Aviv, people living in Israel can send the above mentioned documents to the following address: telaviv.travel@eda.admin.ch

If you are travelling to Switzerland by air, please note that if you meet these requirements and can prove this with suitable documents, you will be allowed to enter Switzerland. However, remember that the airlines themselves decide which passengers they allow to carry and on what conditions.

All travelers are responsible for verifying the travel restrictions in place before departure. Holders of a Schengen visa or Laissez-passer are not automatically entitled to enter the Schengen area but must respect the travel restrictions in place.

For further information: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/>

Persons arriving in Switzerland from countries and areas with a high risk of infection are required to go into quarantine. The concerned states and areas can be found in the [COVID-19 Ordinance on International Passenger Transport Measures](#).