



Visa for gainful activity (more than 8 days per calendar year)

Gainful activity is subject to authorization by the competent office for migration, even if only temporarily and less than 90 days. The employer must take the necessary steps in Switzerland and apply for the work permit of the visa applicant at the competent office for migration.

Once the authorization has been obtained, the applicant is requested to submit the following documents in person at the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane during the [opening hours](#) without prior appointment:

Documentary requirements

- [Visa application form](#) (“Application for a long stay visa D”) duly filled out, dated and signed by the applicant
- **Two passport-sized pictures**
recently made color pictures, 3.5 - 4 cm in width, neutral light background, head takes up 70-80% of the surface
- **Passport**
valid at least three months after the planned entry date in the Schengen territory, at least two blank pages, for resident foreigners: work permit and/or resident permit and valid exit/re-entry permit in the passport
- **One photocopy of the passport**
personal data page, official entries and previous Schengen visa
- **Autorization from the office for migration**
form “Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung (Einreiseerlaubnis)” / „Authorisation habilitant les représentations Suisses à délivrer un visa”

Fee

[Here](#) you can find the visa application-handling fee.

Procedure

All documents submitted at the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane will be sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by weekly courier [with costs](#) for the issuance of the visa. The passport will be returned to Vientiane the following week. The Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Vientiane will inform the applicant about the exact pick up date of the passport.

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