



Stay for more than 90 days consecutive - Student Visa

If you are a foreign resident in New Zealand and planning to study in Switzerland, you can apply for an entry visa at the Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington.

Your personal appearance is not necessary when submitting the visa application. Nevertheless, the Embassy reserves the right to ask for additional documents and / or a personal interview.

If your documents are not in a Swiss language (German, French, Italian) or English, they need to be translated in one of the aforementioned languages by a certified translator.

Please submit the documents in the exact order given below and do not staple any documents:

- **3 printouts of your [national \(type D\) visa application form](#)**: duly completed in German, French, Italian or English, dated and signed.

In case of minors:

both parents must sign the application form and submit 2 copies of their passports (only pages with personal data). If one parent is unable to sign the form, he/she must submit a letter of consent. Add 2 copies of the child's birth certificate.

- **3 passport photos** (please consult the requirements on the following [website](#) from the European Commission)

- **2 passport copies**: photo, personal data and signature page as well as pages of your passport with official entries (visas, entry stamps, residence permits, etc.). The passport must be issued within the past 10 years with at least 2 blank visa pages, valid at least 3 months after your scheduled departure from the Schengen area.

- **2 copies of residence permit** with validity of at least 3 months after the planned stay in Switzerland.

- **Letter of admission** from the school or the professor. **Original and 1 copy**

- **Diplomas and/or certificates** from the last attended school. **Original and 2 copy**

- **Motivation letter** of the applicant mentioning purpose of the study in Switzerland and future plans, signed and dated by the applicant. **Original and 1 copy**

- **Payment certificate/receipt of the Swiss university/school fees** or proof of exemption from the Swiss university/school fees. **Original and 1 copy**

- **Financial guarantees** for at least one year's expenses: i.e. scholarship confirmation, bank statements, bank certificates, etc. (If sponsored: a signed and dated sponsoring letter will have to be submitted, must include surname, first name, date of birth, Address, phone number, e-mail address and nationality from both the sponsor and applicant. Must also include length of stay, along with a copy of the sponsor's passport (pages with photo, personal data and signature only) and his/her bank statements). **Original and 1 copy**

- **Curriculum Vitae, Original and 1 copy**

- **Proof of language skills**, such as TOEFL or IELTS certificates. German, French or Italian language certificates, if available. **Original and 1 copy**

- **Visa fee**: please check the website for the [National visa fees](#). Visas for Students are generally **free of charge** (exceptions apply).

- **Self-addressed, trackable, prepaid return courier bag** (only in case you do not wish to collect your visa personally at the Embassy after its issuance). The Swiss representation does not assume any liability for lost documents returned by mail.

No copies are made on your behalf and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The complete application will be forwarded to the cantonal immigration authority for decision taking. The procedure takes at least 8 -12 weeks. Once the application has been approved, you will have to submit your original passport or travel document to this representation in order to obtain your visa.

Please read the **legal notice*** regarding leaving Switzerland after completion of studies. Not applicable if the goal of the studies is to achieve a Swiss tertiary degree.

*** Legal notice**

The purpose of stay is to study and therefore temporary. After the successful completion of the studies, there is the possibility to search for a job of high scientific or economic interest in Switzerland only for a period of six months. After completing the studies or training, there is no entitlement to a permanent extension of the stay. A permanent residence is only possible if the legal requirements are met. For this purpose, a new application for a residence permit has to be submitted to the competent Swiss authorities. They decide on the application based on the Federal Act on Foreign Nationals and Integration (FNIA). The authority can order that the approval procedure be awaited abroad.