We extend a warm welcome to all Swiss Abroad
Welcome!

What can my Swiss representation do for me?

How do I connect with other Swiss nationals abroad?

How do I stay informed about important matters concerning Switzerland and me personally?

You can access the ‘Welcome’ leaflet from the webpage of your Swiss representation under Services > Registration and deregistration, change of address > Useful documents and links.
Even though you live abroad you still belong to Switzerland and retain certain rights and obligations. Registering with your Swiss representation gives you access to all available services. Talking to your representation can help ease you into your new life abroad.

**Services provided by your representation**
Your representation serves as your point of contact for the Federal Administration and can help with a range of issues as needed: moving abroad, returning to Switzerland, Swiss passports and/or identity cards, civil status matters, citizenship, voting in federal elections and referendums, changes of address, translations/certifications of Swiss driving licences, etc.

You will need to go to the representation in person to have a passport issued (after submitting an online application at [www.schweizerpass.ch](http://www.schweizerpass.ch)), if you need to prepare for marriage in Switzerland, or to have a signature authenticated. You can use the online desk to access other services from the comfort of your own home. When using the online desk for certain purposes, e.g. to register or notify a change in civil status, you will need to go to the representation and show your original documents or else send them by post.

For Swiss nationals who have only recently registered, we recommend the various guides for the Swiss Abroad available on the FDFA webpages. The FDFA website also provides useful information on exercising your political rights from abroad.

**Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA)**
The OSA provides online information and personal advice to Swiss nationals living abroad and publishes the 'Swiss Review' magazine. The OSA also provides holiday programmes and educational/training courses for young Swiss nationals.

**educationsuisse**
You can obtain information on education in Switzerland or Swiss schools abroad from educationsuisse.

**Stay informed, stay in touch**
Share information and experiences on SwissCommunity, the platform for Swiss nationals living abroad! Details of other key partners and organisations are provided on the next page.
Further information for Swiss citizens

Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA
The full range of FDFA services.

Federal Office of Police fedpol
Apply for a passport or identity card online. You will need enter your data at the Swiss representation.

Official, practical and current information on a wide range of Swiss topics.

Swiss social security abroad: information on social security contributions and benefits.

Exports, imports, investments – advice and help.

MySwitzerland.com – The official Swiss tourism website.

Access services from the comfort of your own home.

Swiss nationals abroad and military service.

Swiss news in 10 languages.

Connecting Switzerland and the world in education, research and innovation.

Switzerland abroad – personal and digital.