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## Information sheet COVID-19: Swiss COVID certificate

This note complements the circular communications sent by the Swiss Mission and the FDFA Protocol in relation to the measures taken by the Swiss authorities to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). It specifies the modalities in force for Swiss COVID certificates applications by persons vaccinated or cured from COVID.

The information below is based on [the COVID-19 certificate ordinance](#) and on the information provided by the competent cantonal authorities. It is subject to change at short notice.

**A summary table of the different types of Swiss COVID certificates is available [here](#).**

**Important note:** The [EU digital COVID certificate](#), or [other States whose QR code are compatible with the European or Swiss system](#)<sup>1</sup>, are recognised in Switzerland. Persons who are in possession of such a certificate do not need to apply for a Swiss certificate.

### **1. Issuance of a Swiss COVID certificate for persons vaccinated abroad and residing in Switzerland**

Persons vaccinated abroad and holding a Swiss residence permit/citizenship, who do not already possess a digital COVID Certificate from the EU or [other States](#) whose QR code is compatible with the European and Swiss system, can obtain a Swiss COVID Certificate if they have been fully vaccinated abroad with a vaccine authorized either by the European Medicines Agency ([EMA](#)) or which has been authorized on the basis of the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)) list of emergency situations, or which has a similar composition.

- Comirnaty® / BNT162b2 / Tozinameran (Pfizer/BioNTech)
- Spikevax® / mRNA-1273 / COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna)
- Vaxzevria® / AZD1222 / Covishield™ (AstraZeneca)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell) (Sinopharm / BIBP)
- CoronaVac (Sinovac)
- Covaxin (Bharat Biotech International Limited)
- Nuvaxovid® / NVX-CoV2373 (Novavax)

The vaccination certificate for residents in Switzerland is valid for 270 days from the last dose of vaccine (exception for the Janssen vaccine: validity begins on the 22nd day following the administration of the vaccine).

The Swiss COVID certificate application must be submitted through [the national application platform for the COVID certificate](#), or through the competent authority of the canton in which the persons reside. For Geneva, [the cantonal platform](#) should be used.

Information required to complete the online application:

- Copy of Swiss passport; or
- Swiss residence permit;
- Confirmation of vaccination (e.g. vaccination certificate with indication of vaccine, number of doses received, date of last vaccination and name of issuing country).

*NB. The required documents must be written in the Latin alphabet, in French, German, Italian or English.*

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<sup>1</sup> Certain certificates issued by States outside the European Union are recognised and compatible with the European and Swiss systems, provided that the vaccine meets Swiss requirements (see point 1 above). These countries are listed in Annex 5 of [the Ordinance COVID-19 Certificates](#).



### Deadlines

Processing times for certificate applications may vary from canton to canton and from period to period. The authorities concerned make every effort to process applications as quickly as possible. However, depending on the number of applications, the processing time may be several days.

### « COVID Certificate » App

Download the "COVID Certificate" application for free from the [Apple App Store](#), [Google Play Store](#) and the [Huawei AppGallery](#). You can receive your certificate directly in the application.

For more information please refer to the [FOPH website](#).

## **2. Issuance of a Swiss COVID certificate for persons cured of COVID abroad or in Switzerland**

Are considered as cured people whose infection was confirmed by a positive PCR test in Switzerland or abroad. The validity of the corresponding certificate in Switzerland starts on the 11th day after the positive PCR test result and lasts for 180 days after the test result.

For individuals who have performed a PCR test abroad, they must submit a confirmation of release from isolation from a government department with the name and address of the department and proof of a positive PCR test result. This supporting document must contain at least the following information:

- Name, first name and date of birth;
- Date and time of sample collection (must not be more than 180 days old);
- Test center or institution where the test was performed;
- Type of test (PCR tests only).

Furthermore, the person must be able to prove that he/she is a Swiss citizen, that he/she resides in Switzerland or that he/she has a residence permit (including a legitimation card from the FDFA).

## **3. COVID-19 test certificate with PCR test valid for 72 hours or rapid antigen test valid for 24 hours performed in Switzerland**

Screening centers, laboratories and pharmacies in Switzerland can deliver COVID certificates for persons tested negative for COVID-19 (PCR test or rapid antigenic test).

Concerning rapid antigenic tests, only nasopharyngeal swabs taken by a professional are eligible for a COVID certificate. This excludes nasal tests.

No COVID certificate is issued for self-tests. Tests performed abroad do not qualify for a COVID certificate either.

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Additional information is available on the Swiss Mission's website:

- Information notice on the [rules of entry into Switzerland](#) for persons expected to work in an official capacity for international organizations and permanent missions.