



Airport Transit Visa

These requirements are valid for legal residents (PR card, work or study permit) of

- **BC, AB, SK, YT & NT** who transit in **Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Germany, Liechtenstein, Slovenia or Spain.**
The visa application has to be submitted at the Consulate General of Switzerland Vancouver.
- **QC, MB, NB, NL, NS, ON, PE, NU & Bahamas** who transit in **Switzerland, Finland or Liechtenstein.**
The visa application has to be submitted at the Consulate General of Switzerland Montreal.

Diplomatic / service passport holders stationed in Ottawa and the Bahamas who transit in **Switzerland or Finland**, please contact the Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa ottawa@eda.admin.ch to receive further information.

If you transit in a Schengen airport to get to your final destination, you might need an airport transit visa. Please check the list under "[Do I need an airport transit visa?](#)"

You do not need an airport transit visa if you are a

- holder of a valid Canadian Permanent Resident Card
- holder of a valid Canadian visa
- traveler who leaves Canada after having used a Canadian visa

Please note that an airport transit visa **only allows a short stay in the international transit area.**

Airport transit privilege does not apply and you will need a regular Schengen visa, if:

- you are transiting through two or more Schengen airports (for example: Toronto-Frankfurt-Vienna-India or Toronto-Frankfurt-Munich-India)
- you have to pick up your luggage and/or have to check in again when transiting (please verify with your airline)
- you have to pass passport control (please verify with your airline)
- you hold an open ticket

You may apply **six** months at the most before your planned entry into the Schengen area.

Applicants must appear in person for a personal interview and for registering their fingerprints.

Exceptions:

- Children below 12 years.
- If your fingerprints were registered within the last 59 months for another Schengen visa application.

These applicants apply for their visa by post. Please note: if it is not possible to copy your fingerprints, you will, nevertheless, have to appear in person.

Important information for minors (under the age of 18)

Both parents must sign the visa application form and the following additional documents are needed:

- a) The minor's birth certificate (containing fathers and mothers name). If the document is not in German, English, French or Italian, a translation by an official translator in one of those languages is needed.
 - b) Copies of passports from both parents
 - c) [Consent letter](#) of parents who do not travel with minor, certified by a Canadian authority.
 - d) The relevant court documents, if only one parent has guardianship.
 - e) Death certificate, if one of the parents passed away.
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Requirements
(all documents must be in English, German, French or Italian)

1. Printed Schengen visa application form fully completed and signed by the applicant. Please fill in and **print** your application online www.swiss-visa.ch. Printing the application will allow you to access the appointment booking system (if personal appearance is required).
2. Your original passport valid at least three months beyond the intended transit, issued within the previous ten years. The passport must have at least two blank visa pages.
3. A photocopy of your passport (photo, data and signature pages only).
4. One **loose** Canadian or European size passport **color** photo according to [requirements](#).
5. A photocopy of your expired Canadian proof of residency (PR card, work or study permit).
6. A copy of your **confirmed** flight reservations. The airline reservation number must be visible.
7. A valid visa or residency permit for your final destination if you are not returning to your home country.
8. A copy of your previous Schengen and Airport Transit visas.
9. Visa fee: Please refer to our [website](#) for the current fee and methods of payment.

Children and husband/wife of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals are exempt from visa fees only if they include a copy of the Swiss or EU passport of parent or husband/wife and proof of family ties (marriage/birth certificate).

10. A prepaid, self-addressed return envelope with a tracking number (Xpress Post or Courier) if you wish to have your passport returned by mail. Keep the customer receipt for tracking the envelope.
All applications submitted to the Consulate in Vancouver are returned by post only.

The visa procedure may take as long as 15 calendar days.