

Checklist for a Family Reunion Visa (National Type D)

If you are a resident (national or foreigner) of Hong Kong SAR or Macau SAR planning to get married in Switzerland or to join your family member in Switzerland, you can apply for an entry visa at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Hong Kong.

Submission of visa applications are by appointment only. Please book your appointment with the company VFS via their website <u>https://visa.vfsglobal.com/hkg/en/che/</u> or by phone **3018 3030**. The appointment is free of charge. Spouse of Swiss citizens are not required to book an appointment and may visit our counter during opening hours.

After having secured an appointment, kindly submit your application <u>in person</u> and <u>on time</u> at the Consulate General.

Please submit the documents in the order given below in **3 separate sets** (1 set of originals and 2 sets of copies), please do not staple any documents:

Passport or official travel document: issued within the last 10 years; with at least twelve months validity and at least 2 blank pages Original and 2 copies (photo, personal data and signature page/s only)	
Hong Kong Identity Card or Macau Identity Card Original and 2 copies	
Hong Kong or Macau visa with expiration date, if applicable Original and 2 copies	
4 identical passport photos taken in the last 6 months (consult the requirements on the <u>website</u>)	
3 national (type D) visa application forms duly completed and signed by the applicant.	
In case of minors (under 18 years of age): both parents will need to sign and add two copies of their passports, two copies of a letter of consent of parent(s) if the child is travelling unaccompanied or with one parent only or, if applicable, child custody court documents.	
Certificate of No Criminal Conviction (CNCC) if living in Hong Kong SAR Issuance of a Hong Kong CNCC takes four (4) weeks and requires a recommendation letter, subject to a fee, issued by the Consulate General	
Certificado de Registo Criminal if living in Macau SAR Original and 2 copies	
Proof of languages skills (A1) of the language spoken at the future Swiss place of residence Spouses of Swiss or EU/EFTA nationals are not required to provide this document. <i>Original and 2 copies</i>	
Letter of the spouse/parent living in Switzerland, explaining the reason of the family reunion <i>Original and 2 copies</i>	
Passport or ID and, if applicable, residence permit of the spouse/parent living in Switzerland 2 copies (photo, personal data and signature page/s only – for residence permit: both sides)	
In case of reunion with a spouse Marriage certificate Marriage with a Swiss national must first be registered accordingly to <u>dedicated checklist</u> . Original and 2 copies	
If marriage is planned to take place in Switzerland Marriage preparatory procedure must also be carried out accordingly to <u>dedicated checklist</u> .	
In case of reunion with a parent Birth certificate mentioning names of both parents Original and 2 copies	
Visa fee : please check our <u>website</u> for the current fees in HKD, these are subject to adaptation without prior notice in relation with exchange rate fluctuations. For spouses and children of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals, and for children under six years of age, the visa is free of charge.	

Please note that:

- The Consulate General of Switzerland or the competent cantonal authority in Switzerland reserves the right to ask for **additional documents**.
- 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.
- The complete application will be forwarded to the competent <u>cantonal immigration authority</u> for decision. 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 entry visa.
- No copies are made on your behalf and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- EU/EFTA citizens as well as citizens of Brunei, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (British passports with nationality stated as "British Citizen") may submit their applications for a Swiss resident permit directly in Switzerland with the competent <u>cantonal immigration authority</u>, as the above-mentioned nationals are exempted from filing national type D visa application with Swiss representations abroad.
- Holders of British passports with nationality stated as "British National (Overseas)", "British Overseas Territory Citizen", "British Overseas Citizen", "British Subject" or "British Protected Person" must submit an application with this representation.