



STUDENT VISA

Stay of more than 90 Days (National type D visa)

General application rules:

- The applicant has to appear in person and by appointment with the below mentioned documents at the Embassy of Switzerland in The Hague/Netherlands. The requested original documents need to be submitted separately.
- Visas for students with the purpose of studies in Switzerland (e.g. Bachelor, Master, PhD) are free of charge. Visas for Post-Doc are subject to fees.
- The complete application will be forwarded to the competent cantonal migration authorities in Switzerland for the final decision. This process may take 8-12 weeks. The Regional Consular Center Benelux will only be able to issue a visa once authorization has been granted.
- Please read the legal notice below regarding leaving Switzerland after completion of studies. Not applicable if the goal of the studies is to achieve a Swiss tertiary degree.
- For further information, please consult the homepage of the Regional Consular Center Benelux in The Hague www.eda.admin.ch/denhaag or send us an email at benelux@eda.admin.ch.

Please submit the documents in the following order:			√
1.	Visa application form «Application for a long stay visa (visa D)» completed, dated and signed by the applicant or both parents for minors	3x	
2.	Recent <u>passport-size photos</u> in color with white background (not older than 6 months)	2x	
3.	Passport valid for more than 3 months beyond the validity of the requested visa and containing at least 2 empty visa pages. (Copies only from the photo, data and signature page).	1x original 2x copies	
4.	Valid residence permit from NL, BE or LUX	1x original 2x copies	
5.	Curriculum vitae (CV)	2x	
6.	Motivation letter stating the objectives of the studies, dated and signed	1x original 1x copy	
7.	Written and signed declaration by the applicant stating that he/she will leave Switzerland on the completion of his/her studies	1x original 1x copy	
8.	School / University certificates or diplomas, along with translations if applicable	1x original 2x copies	
9.	Confirmation of acceptance in a study program at a school/university in Switzerland, stating duration of program and payment confirmation of tuition fees or proof of exemption	1x original 2x copies	
10.	Confirmation of enrolment at a university in NL, BE or LUX (if already a student)	1x original 2x copies	
11.	Attestation of scholarship (if holder of a scholarship)	1x original 2x copies	
12.	Proof of financial means (bank statements of the last 3 months, bank certificates, etc.) If sponsored: a signed and dated sponsorship letter will have to be submitted along with a copy of the sponsor's passport (pages with photo, personal data and signature only) and his/her bank statements.	2x	
13.	Proof of language skills such as TOEFL or IELTS certificates. German, French or Italian language certificates (if required)	1x original 2x copies	

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If necessary, you may be requested to submit additional documents.



Approved visa:

Once the authorization to enter Switzerland has been granted, the visa can be collected. Please bring your passport and the letter of authorization during our opening hours (by appointment). The visa is normally ready the same day in the afternoon. If you would like to have your passport returned by postal mail, kindly mention it when you submit your application with the Embassy.

Within the first 14 days of your initial entry you will have to declare your arrival at the Residents' Registration Office (German: Migrationsamt/Einwohnerkontrolle; French: Police des étrangers/contrôle des habitants; Italian: Ufficio degli stranieri/Controllo degli abitanti) at your place of residence. The residence permit will be issued upon notification of your arrival in Switzerland.

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.