



Application for **family reunion** for non EU/EFTA citizens

Residents in the Nordic and Baltic countries with a valid resident permit and a recognized national passport do not need a visa for short-term stays of up to 3 months as part of a six months' period if they return to their country of residence in the Nordic or Baltic countries.

Long-term stays of non EU/EFTA citizens to stay with their spouse/parent(s) in Switzerland require an official permit and a national visa D.

How to apply for the visa:

Personal appearance with the original passport is mandatory. Please bring the following documents to the Regional Consular Center Nordic and Baltic Countries in Stockholm.

- **[Application form](#) for national visa for stays of more than 3 month in triplicate, duly filled in and signed (3 originals)**
Minors: A separate application for each child is necessary. Both parents must sign the form and add a copy of their passports. If one parent is unable to sign the form, he/she must submit a letter of agreement together with a copy of his/her passport.
- **2x copies** of the relevant pages **of the passport** (pages with photo, signature and validity)
- **4x colored passport photos** (undamaged, white background, size 3.5cm x 4cm and not older than 6 month)
- **2x copies of the residence permit** from a Nordic or Baltic country
- **Signed motivation letter, 1 original and 1 copy** (please write about your family situation and where you will live)
- **Original marriage certificate, officially translated in German, French, Italian or English + 2 copies (Original will be returned)**
- **Original birth certificate (only for minors) officially translated in German, French, Italian or English + 2 copies (Original will be returned)**
- **2x copies of proof of financial means** (bank statement covering last three months, statement of bank balance, proof of grant, etc.)
- **2x copies of the passport of the family member living in Switzerland**
- **2x copies of the Swiss residence permit of the family member living in Switzerland (if not Swiss citizen)**
- **Proof of language competency (A1)** of the language spoken at the future place of residence in Switzerland. A list with the recognised language certificates is published on the website of [fide](#) (see "Liste der anerkannten Sprachzertifikate" resp. "Liste des certificats de langue reconnus" resp. "Lista delle certificazioni linguistiche riconosciute"). Alternatively, a proof of enrolment in a language course that will allow this level to be acquired can be accepted. Persons under 18 do not have to submit any proof of language competency.
- **Visa application fee must be paid in cash or by credit card at the time of submission** (if you are married to or are a child of a EU/EFTA citizen, the visa is free of charge)

Opening hours: Mo-Fri 09.00-12.00 h. No appointment is needed.

IMPORTANT: Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. If necessary, you may be requested to bring additional documentation.

The application will be forwarded to the competent authorities for a decision (8-12 weeks). On receipt of the authorization, the applicant will be contacted directly by the Cantonal Migration Authorities.

Once the visa is approved, you will have to submit the original passport to the Regional Consular Center Nordic and Baltic Countries in Stockholm. The visa will then be processed within two working days and the passport returned by registered mail (if already paid for).

The entry visa will allow you to travel through the Schengen states and enter Switzerland during its validity. **Within the first 14 days following your initial entry** you will have to declare your arrival at the Foreigners Police or Town Registrar at your place of residence (German: Migrationsamt/ Einwohnerkontrolle, French: Police des étrangers/Contrôle des habitants; Italian: Ufficio degli stranieri/ Controllo degli abitanti). The permit to stay, study or work in Switzerland will be issued upon notification of your arrival.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Consular Center Nordic and Baltic Countries if you have any further questions.

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