



Application for long term **student visa** 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 study in Switzerland require an official permit and a national visa D.

How to apply for the visa:

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)
- **2x copies** of the relevant pages of the passport (pages with photo, signature and validity)
- **3x 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 a Baltic country
- **Signed motivation letter, 1 original and 1 copy** (please also write about your future plans and what you intend to do after your studies in Switzerland)
- **2x copies of acceptance letter** from school or university in Switzerland
- **2x copies of diplomas, university degrees** with translation in English, German, French or Italian
- **2x curriculum vitae** in English, German, French or Italian
- **2x copies of proof of financial means** (bank statement covering last three months, statement of bank balance, proof of grant, etc.)
- **Visa application fee must be paid in cash or by credit card at time of submission** (if you are married to a EU/EFTA citizen, you must provide a copy of your marriage certificate to receive the visa free of charge)

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

Visas for students with the purpose of study in Switzerland (e.g. Bachelor, Master, PhD) are free of charge. In contrast, visas for **Post-Doc** are subject to fee.

If you have regular residency in a Nordic or Baltic country but you cannot come personally to Stockholm, you may send the above-mentioned documents by mail and pay the visa fee into the following account of the Swiss Embassy in Stockholm.

International payment
Bank: Nordea, 105 71 Stockholm
IBAN SE48 9500 0099 6042 0457 1527
BIC NDEASESS

Payment within Sweden:
Plusgiro 45 71 52-7

The amount must be transferred in **Swedish Krona (SEK)**. You must choose the option **“all fees paid by the sender”** to avoid any additional fees for the consular center.

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

The entire application will be forwarded to the competent authorities for their 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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