

Information about visa, residence permit & health insurance

Visa and Residence Permit

Students from EU/EFTA countries

Students from EU or EFTA countries do not need a visa to study in Switzerland.

After arrival in Switzerland, you must register at the local municipal office within **14 days**. Together with the International Student Advisor, you will apply for a **L permit** (residence permit for stays of up to one year).

The processing and issuance of the residence permit cost approximately **CHF 70.00**.

Students from Great Britain

Students from Great Britain must apply for an **entry permit** ("Einreisebewilligung") before travelling to Switzerland.

The processing and issuance of the entry permit cost approximately **CHF 100.00**.

After arrival in Switzerland, you must apply for a residence permit. Together with the International Student Advisor, you will apply for a **L permit** (residence permit for stays of up to one year) at the local municipal office.

For students from non-EU/EFTA countries, the processing and issuance of the residence permit cost approximately **CHF 140.00**.

Students from non-EU/EFTA countries

Students from non-EU/EFTA countries must apply for a **student visa** at the Swiss embassy or consulate in their home country before travelling to Switzerland.

Depending on the length of stay, two types of visas are available:

- **Visa C**: for short stays of up to **90 days** (e.g. summer schools or seminars)
- **Visa D**: for longer stays (e.g. an exchange semester lasting more than three months)

The processing and issuance of a **visa type C or D** cost approximately **CHF 90.00**.

After arrival in Switzerland, students must register at the local municipal office and apply for a **residence permit**.

For non-EU/EFTA countries, the processing and issuance of the residence permit cost approximately **CHF 140.00**.

Where should I apply for a Swiss visa?

When applying for a Swiss visa, you must book an appointment at the **Swiss embassy or consulate in your home country**.

Please make sure to book your appointment **well in advance (ideally up to six months before your planned departure)**, as the visa process may take several weeks.

All documents must be submitted in **French, German, or English**. If your documents are in another language, you must provide **certified translations**.

Health insurance

Do I need health insurance?

Health insurance is **mandatory for students staying in Switzerland for longer than three months**.

Before your exchange semester, please check whether your current health insurance is **valid in Switzerland** and what it covers (for example through the **European Health Insurance Card – EHIC**).

If your insurance is not valid in Switzerland, please contact the **International Student Advisor** for further information.