

Checklist for your entry into Switzerland

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01 General entry requirements

The entry regulations for Switzerland depend on the purpose and length of stay and the nationality of the person entering the country.

02 What requirements apply to me when entering Switzerland?

For citizens of the EU and EFTA

- Valid passport, ID card or personal identification

For nationals of third countries

- Valid passport, ID card or personal identification that remains valid for at least three months after the intended date of departure from Switzerland and was issued less than ten years ago (the date of issue on the travel document shall be the determining factor).
- You must not remain longer than the maximum period of time permitted for stays within the Schengen Area. This is 90 days per 180-day period. You can calculate your period of stay on the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) website. This is particularly important in the case of multiple journeys to and from the Schengen Area.
- If required, you must have a valid visa.
- You are able to demonstrate the purpose and circumstances of your stay in Switzerland and/or the Schengen country(ies) to be visited.
- You have sufficient financial resources to cover the entire duration of your intended stay as well as the return trip to your country of origin, the transit trip through a third country, or can obtain the necessary financial resources by some other lawful means.

03 Do I require a visa to enter Switzerland?

You can find the visa requirements according to nationality on the State Secretariat for Migration website.

Visa-free entry

Even if you don't require a visa you must still meet the entry requirements. If you are visiting friends or relatives in Switzerland, it can be helpful to have a letter of invitation from your host which you can show if required.

Entry subject to a visa requirement

- Read the visa requirements applicable to your nationality on the State Secretariat for Migration website.
- Download the application form from the State Secretariat for Migration or get it from the Swiss representation abroad in your place of residence. Documents to be enclosed with the application form:
 - Travel documents
 - Evidence of sufficient financial resources to cover living costs as well as the return trip
 - Evidence of travel health insurance. You can take this out directly from us online: <https://www.allianz-assistance.ch/en/travel-insurance/schengen-travel-insurance/>
- Submit the application to the Swiss representation abroad in your place of residence.

Important information: This document is intended as guidance and does not claim to be exhaustive. Please consult the competent authorities of your home country and country of entry for additional entry and exit regulations.

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