



List 1 B: Overview of visa provisions according to nationality (third countries)

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All third-country nationals, regardless of their visa obligation status, who wish to enter the Schengen Area through Switzerland must be in possession of a travel document that meets both of the following two requirements:

- The validity of the travel document must extend at least three months after the intended date of departure from the Schengen Area; and
- The travel document must have been issued within the previous 10 years.

The date of issue of the travel document shall be the determining factor, notwithstanding any decision by the authorities to extend the period of validity of the travel document.

Please find travel documents entitling the holder to cross the external borders in Annex 2 of the Visa Guidelines.

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Country <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	Visa required for stays of up to 90 days^o	Visa required for stays of more than 90 days[*]
Afghanistan	Yes ^V	Yes
Albania	No ^{(V12) (M: D)}	Yes ^(F: D)
Algeria	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S)}	Yes ^(F: D, S)
Andorra	No	No
Angola	Yes ^V	Yes
Antigua and Barbuda	No ^{V1}	Yes
Argentina	No ^{V1}	Yes
Armenia	Yes ^{(V) (M: D)}	Yes ^(F: D)
Australia	No ^{V1}	Yes
Azerbaijan	Yes ^V	Yes
Bahamas	No ^{V1}	Yes
Bahrain	Yes ^V	Yes
Bangladesh	Yes ^V	Yes
Barbados	No ^{V1}	Yes
Belarus	Yes ^V	Yes
Belize	Yes ^V	Yes
Benin	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S)}	Yes ^(F: D, S)
Bhutan	Yes ^V	Yes
Bolivia	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)}	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	No ^{(V12) (M: D, S)}	Yes

Country <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	Visa required for stays of up to 90 days⁰	Visa required for stays of more than 90 days[*]
Botswana	Yes ^V	Yes
Brazil	No ^{V1}	Yes
Brunei	No	No
Burkina Faso	Yes ^V	Yes
Burundi	Yes ^V	Yes
Cambodia	Yes ^V	Yes
Cameroon	Yes ^V	Yes
Canada	No ^{V1}	Yes
Cape Verde	Yes ^V	Yes
Central African Republic	Yes ^V	Yes
Chad	Yes ^V	Yes
Chile	Yes ^V	Yes
China (People's Republic of China) also see Hong Kong und Macao	Yes ^V	Yes
Colombia	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)	Yes
Comoros	Yes ^V	Yes
Congo (Brazzaville)	Yes ^V	Yes
Congo (Democratic Republic)	Yes ^V	Yes
Costa Rica	No ^{V1}	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	Yes ^V	Yes
Croatia	No ^{V1}	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP)
Cuba	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP)	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP)
Djibouti	Yes ^V	Yes
Dominica	Yes ^V	Yes
Dominican Republic	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)	Yes
Ecuador	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)	Yes
Egypt	Yes ^V	Yes
El Salvador	No ^{V1}	Yes
Equatorial Guinea	Yes ^V	Yes
Eritrea	Yes ^V	Yes
Ethiopia	Yes ^V	Yes
Fiji	Yes ^V	Yes
Gabon	Yes ^V	Yes
Gambia	Yes ^V	Yes
Georgia	Yes ^V	Yes
Ghana	Yes ^V	Yes
Grenada	Yes ^V	Yes
Guatemala	No ^{V1}	Yes
Guinea	Yes ^V	Yes
Guinea-Bissau	Yes ^V	Yes
Guyana	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S)	Yes ^(F: D, S)
Haiti	Yes ^V	Yes
Honduras	No ^{V1}	Yes
Hong Kong	No ^{V1}	Yes
India	Yes ^V	Yes
Indonesia	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S)	Yes
Iran	Yes ^(V) (M: D)	Yes ^(F: D)

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Iraq	Yes ^V	Yes
Israel	No ^{V1}	Yes
Jamaika	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S, OP)}	Yes ^(F: D, S, OP)
Japan	No	No
Jordan	Yes ^V	Yes
Kazakhstan	Yes ^V	Yes
Kenia	Yes ^V	Yes
Kiribati	Yes ^V	Yes
Kosovo	Yes ^V	Yes
Kuwait	Yes ^V	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	Yes ^V	Yes
Laos	Yes ^V	Yes
Lebanon	Yes ^V	Yes
Lesotho	Yes ^V	Yes
Liberia	Yes ^V	Yes
Libya	Yes ^V	Yes
Macao	No ^{V1}	Yes
Macedonia	No ^{(V9) (V12) (M: D, S, SP)}	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP)
Madagascar	Yes ^V	Yes
Malawi	Yes ^V	Yes
Malaysia	No	No
Maldives	Yes ^V	Yes
Mali	Yes ^V	Yes
Marshall Islands	Yes ^V	Yes
Mauretania	Yes ^V	Yes
Mauritius	No ^{V1}	Yes ^(F: D, S)
Mexico	No ^{V1}	Yes
Micronesia (Trust Territory of Pacific Islands)	Yes ^V	Yes
Moldova	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S)}	Yes ^(F: D, S)
Mongolia	Yes ^V	Yes
Montenegro	No ^{V12}	Yes
Morocco	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)}	Yes
Mozambique	Yes ^V	Yes
Myanmar (Burma)	Yes ^V	Yes
Namibia	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S, OP)}	Yes ^(F: D, S, OP)
Nauru	Yes ^V	Yes
Nepal	Yes ^V	Yes
New Zealand	No	No
Nicaragua	No ^{V1}	Yes
Niger	Yes ^V	Yes
Nigeria	Yes ^V	Yes
Northern Mariana Islands	No ^{V15}	Yes
North Korea	Yes ^V	Yes
Oman	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S, SP)}	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP)
Pakistan	Yes ^V	Yes
Palau	Yes ^{(V) (M: D, S, OP)}	Yes ^(F: D, S, OP)

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<i>Palestine</i>	Yes ^V	Yes
Panama	No ^{V1}	Yes
Papua New Guinea	Yes ^V	Yes
Paraguay	No ^{V1}	Yes
Peru	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)	Yes
Philippines	Yes ^(V) (M: D, OP)	Yes ^(F: D, OP)
Qatar	Yes ^V	Yes
Russia	Yes ^(V) (M: D)	Yes
Rwanda	Yes ^V	Yes
Saint Kitts and Nevis	No ^{V1}	Yes
Saint Lucia	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, OP)	Yes ^(F: D, S, OP)
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Yes ^V	Yes
Salomon Islands	Yes ^V	Yes
Samoa (West)	Yes ^V	Yes
San Marino	No	No
Sao Tomé and Príncipe	Yes ^V	Yes
Saudi Arabia	Yes ^V	Yes
Senegal	Yes ^V	Yes
Serbia	No ^(V13) (M: D, S)	Yes
Seychelles	No ^{V1}	Yes
Sierra Leone	Yes ^V	Yes
Singapore	No	No
Somalia	Yes ^V	Yes
South Africa	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S)	Yes ^(F: D, S)
South Korea	No ^{V1}	Yes
Sri Lanka	Yes ^V	Yes
Sudan	Yes ^V	Yes
South Sudan	Yes ^V	Yes
Surinam	Yes ^V	Yes
Swaziland	Yes ^V	Yes
Syria	Yes ^V	Yes
Tadjikistan	Yes ^V	Yes
<i>Taiwan</i>	No ^{V14}	Yes
Tansania	Yes ^V	Yes
Thailand	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP, OP)
Timor-Leste	Yes ^V	Yes
Togo	Yes ^V	Yes
Tonga	Yes ^V	Yes
Trinidad and Tobago	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, OP)	Yes ^(F: D, S, OP)
Tunesia	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP, OP)	Yes
Turkey	Yes ^(V) (V9) (V10) (M: D, S, SP)	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP)
Turkmenistan	Yes ^V	Yes
Tuvalu	Yes ^V	Yes
Uganda	Yes ^V	Yes
Ukraine	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S)	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP)

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United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras-al Khaimah, Sarjah, Umm al-Quwain)	Yes ^(V) (M: D, S, SP)	Yes ^(F: D, S, SP)
United States of America	No ^{V1}	Yes
Uruguay	No ^{V1}	Yes
Usbekistan	Yes ^V	Yes
Vanuatu (New Hebrides)	Yes ^V	Yes
Vatican City	No	No
Venezuela	No ^{V1}	Yes ^(F: D; S)
Vietnam	Yes ^(V) (M*: D)	Yes ^(F: D)
Yemen	Yes ^V	Yes
Zambia	Yes ^V	Yes
Zimbabwe	Yes ^V	Yes

List of visa requirements

V	Third state members in possession of both a valid residence permit issued by a Schengen member state and a recognized travel document are exempt from visa requirements.
V1	Obligation to hold a visa with regard to exercising gainful occupation: - in the primary or secondary construction industry and civil engineering, catering and hotel services, industrial and private cleaners, surveillance and security services, and erotic services. - gainful occupation of any another kind, if such occupation exceeds 8 days within a calendar year. Exemption to hold a visa with regard to exercising gainful occupation: - Holders of a valid residence permit issued by a Schengen member state , provided they also hold a recognized travel document.
V9	Under the European Agreement of December 16, 1961, young persons in possession of a collective passport are exempt from the obligation to hold a visa.
V10	Turkish pupils attending a German institute of learning on school trips are exempt from the obligation of holding a visa, providing due authorization by the principal.
V11	Holders of a valid diplomatic passport are exempt from the obligation to hold a visa if they travel to Switzerland on an official mission.
V12	The visa requirement exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports. Obligation to hold a visa: - with regard to exercising gainful occupation (even if the occupation does not exceed 8 days within a calendar year)
V13	The visa requirement exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports. Obligation to hold a visa: - for holders of a biometric or non-biometric Serbian passport issued by the Coordination Directorate (in Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava) (→ V) - with regard to exercising gainful occupation (even if the occupation does not exceed 8 days within a calendar year)
V14	Obligation to hold a visa: - for holders of a valid passport which does not include an identity card number (→ V) - with regard to exercising gainful occupation (even if the occupation does not exceed 8 days within a calendar year)
V15	Obligation to hold a visa: - with regard to exercising gainful occupation (even if the occupation does not exceed 8 days within a calendar year)

List of visa requirements for holders of a diplomatic, service, special, or an official passport

M: D	Holders of a diplomatic passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland: on an official mission or for other travel purposes without exercising a gainful occupation.
M: D, S	Holders of a diplomatic or service passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland: on an official mission or for other travel purposes without exercising a gainful occupation.
M: D, S, SP	Holders of a diplomatic, service or special passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland: on an official mission or for other travel purposes without exercising a gainful occupation.
M: D, S, OP	Holders of a diplomatic, service or an official passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland: on an official mission or for other travel purposes without exercising a gainful occupation.

M: D, S, SP, OP	Holders of a diplomatic, service, special, or an official passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland: on an official mission or for other travel purposes without exercising a gainful occupation.
M: D, OP	Holders of a diplomatic or an official passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland: on an official mission or for other travel purposes without exercising a gainful occupation.
M*: D	Holders of a diplomatic passport are exempt from the obligation to hold a visa if they travel to Switzerland on an official mission.
F: D	Holders of a diplomatic passport are exempt from visa requirements if they travel to Switzerland to take up their duties (prise de fonctions).
F: D, S	Holders of a diplomatic or service passport are exempt from visa requirements if they travel to Switzerland to take up their duties (prise de fonctions).
F: D, S, SP	Holders of a diplomatic, service or special passport are exempt from visa requirements if they travel to Switzerland to take up their duties (prise de fonctions).
F: D, S, OP	Holders of a diplomatic, service or an official passport are exempt from visa requirements if they travel to Switzerland to take up their duties (prise de fonctions).
F: D, OP	Holders of a diplomatic or an official passport are exempt from visa requirements if they travel to Switzerland to take up their duties (prise de fonctions).
F: D, S, SP, OP	Holders of a diplomatic, service, special, or an official passport are exempt from visa requirements if they travel to Switzerland to take up their duties (prise de fonctions).

° The maximum duration of short stays within the Schengen Area is 90 days in any 180-day period. The entry and departure dates are also used in the calculation of the duration of stay.

* For stays in Switzerland of more than 90 days, a residence permit is required. In principle, this residence permit has to be filed before entering Switzerland at the cantonal migration office. The same applies also to nationals of countries who are exempt from the obligation to hold a visa for stays of more than three months.