



**List 1: Overview of ID and visa provisions according to nationality** (version of 18 February 2010)

<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports* and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Afghanistan	B, ST	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Albania	SB	Yes <sup>V, V7</sup>	Yes <sup>V7</sup>
Algeria	SB	Yes <sup>V, V2</sup>	Yes <sup>V2</sup>
Andorra		No	No
Angola	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Antigua and Barbuda	SB	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Argentina	SB, K	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Armenia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Australia		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Austria (Schengen)	P5, ID	No	No
Azerbaijan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Bahamas		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Bahrain		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Bangladesh		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Barbados	SB	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Belarus	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Belgium (Schengen)	P5, ID, SB, 1	No	No
Belize		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Benin		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Bhutan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Bolivia		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina		Yes <sup>V, V2</sup>	Yes

- B "Business Passport"
- ID Identity card
- K Consular passport
- P5 Passport expired for less than five years
- SB Seaman's book
- ST Student passport
- 1 French or Luxembourg identity cards for foreign nationals (these ID cards must prove that the holder has Belgian citizenship); children's ID for under 15-year olds, for children less than 12 years old travelling accompanied by their parents (also valid without photo); temporary Belgian identity card.
- V Third state members in possession of both a valid permanent residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a) and a recognized travel document are exempt from visa requirement.
- 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 sex industry.
  - 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 longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.
- V2 Holders of a valid diplomatic or service passport are exempt from visa requirements.
- V5 Holders of an official passport (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 for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.
- V7 Holders of a valid diplomatic passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland:
  - on an official mission; or
  - for other travel purposes for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports<sup>♦</sup> and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Botswana		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Brazil		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Brunei		No	No
Bulgaria (future Schengen member)	ID, SB	No	No
Burkina Faso		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Burundi		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Cambodia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Cameroon		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Canada	SB, 11	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Cape Verde		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Central African Republic		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Chad		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Chile		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
China (People's Republic of China) also see Hong Kong und Macao	SB, PA	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Colombia		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes
Comoros		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Congo (Brazzaville)		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Congo (Democratic Republic)		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Costa Rica	K	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	3	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Croatia	SB, KL	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Cuba	SB	Yes <sup>V, V4</sup>	Yes <sup>V4</sup>
Czech Republic (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Denmark (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Djibouti		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes

ID Identity card

K Consular passport

KL Collective passport/collective list

SB Seaman's book

PA "Public Affairs Passport"

3 Irrespective of their duration of validity, diplomatic passports (red cover) or service passports (black cover) issued before January 1, 2001, are not valid for entry into Switzerland anymore.

11 Collective list issued by the Ministère canadien de la défense nationale for Canadian children of Canadian military personnel stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany; military ID card for Canadian military personnel on leave, in conjunction with a leave order valid for Switzerland and civilian clothes.

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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 sex industry.
- 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 longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.

V4 Holders of an official passport (diplomatic, service, or special passports) are exempt from visa requirements.

V5 Holders of an official passport (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 for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports<sup>4</sup> and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Dominica	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Dominican Republic		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes
Ecuador		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes
Egypt	SB, ST, 35	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
El Salvador		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Equatorial Guinea		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Eritrea		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Estonia (Schengen)	ID, 29	No	No
Ethiopia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Fiji		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Finland (Schengen)	ID	No	No
France (Schengen)	P5, ID, 4	No	No
Gabon		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Gambia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Georgia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Germany (Schengen)	ID, SB, 2	No	No
Ghana		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Great Britain (UK)	SB, 6, 41	No	No
Greece (Schengen)	ID, SB, 5	No	No
Grenada	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Guatemala		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes

ID Identity card

P5 Passport expired for less than five years

SB Seaman's book

ST Student passport

2 National passport expired for less than one year; valid child's passport or child's identity card (or expired for less than one year); national identity card ("Personalausweis") which is valid or expired for less than one year; valid temporary identity card ("Personalausweis").

4 Temporary identity cards; child's laissez-passer for children under 15 years of age (children under 7 also without photo); Swiss foreign resident's permit with photo; Belgian or Luxembourg identity cards for resident foreigners (these identity cards must prove that the holder has French citizenship).

5 Ordinary Greek passports issued before January 1, 2006, are not valid for entry into Switzerland anymore.

6 British passports containing under the heading "nationality" one of the following entries:

- "British Citizen" (B.C); visa exemption
- "British National (Overseas)" (B.N.O.); visa exemption for stays up to 3 months → V1; obligation to hold a visa for stays of more than 3 months
- "British Overseas Territory Citizen" (B.O.T.C.); obligation to hold a visa → V
- "British Overseas Citizen" (B.O.C.); obligation to hold a visa → V
- "British Subject"; obligation to hold a visa → V
- "British Protected Person"; obligation to hold a visa → V

29 The Alien's Passport issued by Estonia is valid for entry into Switzerland without a residence permit and without a visa for stays of up to 3 months → V1; obligation to hold a visa for stays of more than 3 months.

35 Travel documents for Palestinian refugees issued by Egypt, Lebanon or Syria are valid for entry into Switzerland.

41 British identity cards containing under the heading "nationality" the entry "British Citizen" (B.C.).

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- in the primary or secondary construction industry and civil engineering, catering and hotel services, industrial and private cleaners, surveillance and security services, and sex industry.
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<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports<sup>†</sup> and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Guinea		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Guinea-Bissau		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Guyana		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Haiti		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Honduras		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Hong Kong	7	7	Yes
Hungary (Schengen)	ID	No	No
India		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Indonesia	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Iran	SB	Yes <sup>V, V7</sup>	Yes <sup>V7</sup>
Iraq		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Ireland	ID	No	No
Island (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Israel	37	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Italy (Schengen)	ID, SB, 9	No	No
Jamaika		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Japan		No	No
Jordan	42	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Kazakhstan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Kenia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Kiribati		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes

ID Identity card

SB Seaman's book

7 The following documents are valid for entry into Switzerland:

- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region People's Republic of China Passport (HKSAR Passport); visa exemption → V1
- Hong Kong British National Overseas Passport (BNO Passport); visa exemption → V1
- Hong Kong Certificate of Identity; obligation to hold a visa → V
- Document of Identity for visa purposes containing under the heading "nationality" the entry "Chinese." In this case, the document is a Chinese passport. (If holder's nationality is not mentioned, the document is not valid for entry into Switzerland.); obligation to hold a visa → V

(The "Hong Kong British Dependent Territories Citizens Passport" is not valid anymore for entry into Switzerland.)

9 Are also valid for entry into Switzerland:

For children under age 15: birth certificate authenticated by the police or identity card with a photo of the holder; personal identity card for state officials and their family members.

37 Also valid for entry into Switzerland:

- Travel Document in lieu of National Passport (issued as a Provisional Passport for Israeli Nationals); visa exemption for stays up to 3 months → V1
- Travel Document (issued to holders of an "Israeli Blue I.D. card for Permanent Residents"), provided it contains a valid re-entry visa to Israel; obligation to hold a visa → V

42 The Jordanian T-series passport is not valid for entry into Switzerland. Contrary to the ordinary Jordanian Passport, the T-series passport has (1) no Jordanian national ID number registered in the passport; and (2) no machine readable zone (MRZ).

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- in the primary or secondary construction industry and civil engineering, catering and hotel services, industrial and private cleaners, surveillance and security services, and sex industry.
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Exemption to hold a visa with regard to exercising gainful occupation:

- Holders of a longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.

V7 Holders of a valid diplomatic passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland:

- on an official mission; or
- for other travel purposes for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports* and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Kosovo	12, 18	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Kuwait		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Kyrgyzstan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Laos		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Latvia (Schengen)	ID, 30, 31	No	No
Lebanon	35	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Lesotho		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Liberia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Libya		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Liechtenstein (future Schengen member)	P5, ID	No	No
Lithuania (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Luxembourg (Schengen)	P5, SB, ID, 14	No	No
Macao	15	15	Yes
Macedonia		No <sup>V5, V9, V12</sup>	Yes <sup>V5, V9</sup>
Madagascar		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Malawi		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Malaysia		No	No
Maledives		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes

ID Identity card

P5 Passport expired for less than five years

SB Seaman's book

12 Besides the passports issued by Kosovo from July 2008, the following documents will temporarily remain valid for entry into Switzerland:  
- Passports of Serbia and Montenegro  
- Passports of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
- UNMIK travel documents

14 Belgian or French identity card for resident foreigners (these ID cards must prove that the holder has Luxembourg citizenship); identity card and children's travel document for children under age 15.

15 The following documents are valid for entry into Switzerland:  

- Macao Special Administrative Region People's Republic of China Passport (MSAR passport); visa exemption → V1
- Macao Special Administrative Region People's Republic of China Travel Permit (MSAR Travel Permit) containing under the heading "nationality" the entry "Chinese." Visa requirement → V

18 Passports of the former Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia (with red cover and wording "SFR JUGOSLAVIJA") are no longer accepted for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period.  
Diplomatic and official passports with a blue cover and heading Republic of Yugoslavia ( "САВЕЗНА РЕПУБЛИКА ЈУГОСЛАВИЈА" ) are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period. Ordinary passports with the heading Republic of Yugoslavia remain valid until 31 December 2010 at the latest.  
Note: Until further notice, the valid passport of Serbia and Montenegro still mentions "Yugoslavia."

30 The Alien's Passport issued by Latvia (Latvijas Republika) is valid for entry into Switzerland without a residence permit and without a visa for stays of up to 3 months V1; obligation to hold a visa for stays of more than 3 months.

31 Latvian passports issued from July 1, 1992, to June 30, 2002, are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland.

35 Travel documents for Palestinian refugees issued by Egypt, Lebanon or Syria are valid for entry into Switzerland.

V Third state members in possession of both a valid permanent residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a) and a recognized travel document are exempt from visa requirements.

V5 Holders of an official passport (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 for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

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.

V12 Obligation to hold a visa:  
- for holders of non-biometric passports (→ V)  
- with regard to exercising gainful occupation (even if the occupation does not exceed 8 days within a calendar year)

<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports<sup>†</sup> and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Mali		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Malta (Schengen)	ID, 38	No	No
Marshall Islands		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Mauretania		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Mauritius		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Mexico		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Micronesia (Trust Territory of Pacific Islands)		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Moldova		Yes <sup>V, V7, V8</sup>	Yes <sup>V7, V8</sup>
Monaco (Schengen)	P5, ID, 16	No	No
Mongolia	17	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Montenegro	18	No <sup>V12</sup>	Yes
Morocco		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes
Mozambique		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Myanmar (Burma)		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Namibia		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes <sup>V5</sup>
Nauru		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Nepal		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Netherlands (Schengen)	P5, ID, SB, 19	No	No
New Zealand		No	No

ID Identity card

P5 Passport expired for less than five years

SB Seaman's book

16 Laissez-passer for children under 15 years of age, from 7 years of age with photo; Swiss foreign resident's permit with photo.

17 Diplomatic passports issued before January 31, 2002, and official passports issued before April 30, 2002, are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period.

18 Passports of the former Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia (with red cover and wording "SFR JUGOSLAVIJA") are no longer accepted for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period.  
Diplomatic and official passports with a blue cover and heading Republic of Yugoslavia ( "САВЕЗНА РЕПУБЛИКА ЈУГОСЛАВИЈА" ) are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period. Ordinary passports with the heading Republic of Yugoslavia remain valid until 31 December 2010 at the latest.  
Note: Until further notice, the valid passport of Serbia and Montenegro still mentions "Yugoslavia."

19 Also valid for entry into Switzerland:  
European identity card (ID); Laissez-passer, Belgian or Luxembourg ID card for foreigners which gives evidence of the holder's Dutch nationality.

38 The Alien's Passport issued by Malta is valid for entry into Switzerland, provided it proves that the holder is entitled to return to Malta; obligation to hold a visa → V

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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 sex industry.  
- 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 longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.

V5 Holders of an official passport (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 for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

V7 Holders of a valid diplomatic passports are exempt for visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland:  
- on an official mission; or  
- for other travel purposes for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

V8 Holders of a service passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland:  
- on an official mission; or  
- for other travel purposes for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

V12 Obligation to hold a visa:  
- for holders of non-biometric passports (→ V)  
- with regard to exercising gainful occupation (even if the occupation does not exceed 8 days within a calendar year)

<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports<sup>†</sup> and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Nicaragua		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Niger		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Nigeria		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Northern Mariana Islands		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
North Korea		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Norway (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Oman		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Pakistan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Palau		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
<i>Palestine</i>	21, 35, 39	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Panama	K, ST	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Papua New Guinea		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Paraguay	K	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Peru		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes
Philippines		Yes <sup>V, V3</sup>	Yes <sup>V3</sup>
Poland (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Portugal (Schengen)	P5, ID, 22	No	No
Qatar		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Romania (future Schengen member)	ID	No	No
Russia	23	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Rwanda	24	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Saint Kitts and Nevis	SB	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Saint Lucia	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Salomon Islands	SB	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes

ID Identity card

K Consular passport

P5 Passport expired for less than five years

SB Seaman's book

ST Student passport

21 State not recognised by Switzerland. However, the documents PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT and VIP PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT issued by Palestine are accepted for entry into Switzerland.

22 Birth certificate (Boletim de nascimento) if the holder is a minor.

23 Seaman's book (valid for entry into Switzerland if the document gives evidence that (a) its holder is a citizen of the issuing state and (b) there is proof that the holder of the document is a member of the vessel's crew.

24 Passports issued before January 1, 2004, are not valid for entry into Switzerland.

35 Travel documents for Palestinian refugees issued by Egypt, Lebanon or Syria are valid for entry into Switzerland.

39 Also valid for entry into Switzerland: Travel Document (issued by Israel to holders of an "Israeli Blue I.D. card for Permanent Residents"), provided it contains a valid re-entry visa to Israel; obligation to hold a visa → V.

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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 sex industry.

- 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 longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.

V3 Holders of a diplomatic or official passport are exempt from visa requirements.

V5 Holders of an official passport (diplomatic, service, or special passport) are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland:

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Sambia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Samoa (West)		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
San Marino	P5, ID, 25	No	No
Sao Tomé and Príncipe		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Saudi Arabia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Senegal		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Serbia	18	No <sup>V13</sup>	Yes
Seychelles		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Sierra Leone		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Singapore		No	No
Slovakia (Schengen)	ID, 36	No	No
Slovenia (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Somalia		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
South Africa		Yes <sup>V, (V6)</sup>	Yes <sup>(V6)</sup>
South Korea		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Spain (Schengen)	P5, ID	No	No
Sri Lanka		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Sudan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Surinam		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Swaziland		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Sweden (Schengen)	ID	No	No
Syria	35	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Tadjikistan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>K</i>	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Tansania		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes

ID Identity card

K Consular passport

P5 Passport expired for less than five years

18 Passports of the former Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia (with red cover and wording "SFR JUGOSLAVIJA") are no longer accepted for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period.

Diplomatic and official passports with a blue cover and heading Republic of Yugoslavia ( "САБЕЗНА РЕПУБЛИКА ЈУГОСЛАВИЈА" ) are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period. Ordinary passports with the heading Republic of Yugoslavia remain valid until 31 December 2010 at the latest.

Note: Until further notice, the valid passport of Serbia and Montenegro still mentions "Yugoslavia."

25 Laissez-passer for children under age 15.

35 Travel documents for Palestinian refugees issued by Egypt, Lebanon or Syria are valid for entry into Switzerland.

36 The Slovak identity card issued to citizens older than 60 years is valid for an unlimited period of time. It contains a dash under the heading "Date of expiry".

V Third state members in possession of both a valid permanent residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a) 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 sex industry.
- 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 longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.

(V6) Agreement on visa exemption for official passports in planning.

V13 Obligation to hold a visa:

- for holders of non-biometric passports (→ V)
- for holders of a 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)



<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports* and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Thailand	32	Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes <sup>V5</sup>
Timor-Leste		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Togo		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Tonga		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Trinidad and Tobago		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Tunesia		Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes
Turkey		Yes <sup>V, V5, V9, V10</sup>	Yes <sup>V5</sup>
Turkmenistan		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Tuvalu		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Uganda		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Ukraine	23, 26, 27	Yes <sup>V, V5</sup>	Yes <sup>V5</sup>
United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujairah, Ras-al Khaimah, Sarjah, Umm al-Quwain)		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
United States of America	28, 34	No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Uruguay		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes
Usbekistan	40	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Vanuatu (New Hebrides)		Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Vatican City	33	No	No
Venezuela		No <sup>V1</sup>	Yes <sup>V6</sup>

- 23 Seaman's book (valid for entry into Switzerland if the document gives evidence that (a) its holder is a citizen of the issuing state and (b) there is proof that the holder of the document is a listed member of the vessel's crew.
- 26 Children's identity document (blue booklet)
- 27 In autumn 2004 the Ukrainian authorities have temporarily run out of blank forms for service passports. Therefore, some persons entitled to a Ukrainian service passport were issued an ordinary passport which counts as a service passport and is valid for 5 or 10 years. In such cases the passport contains a stamp on the page reserved for official observations that states both in Ukrainian and in English the remark "Passport issued as service passport of Ukraine" as well as the official function of the holder and the date. Holders of such passports are exempted from the obligation to hold a visa under the same conditions as holders of standard service passports.
- 28 Military ID card (Armed Forces of the United States) with photo, in civilian clothes, or with a permit to wear uniform.
- 32 Free Passport
- 33 Passaporto del Governatorato
- 34 The foreign resident's passport (named "travel document" bearing the mention "Permit to re-enter" on cover page 2) is valid for entry into Switzerland; obligation to hold a visa. Not to be confused with the "Re-entry Permit" (white booklet), which is not valid for entry into Switzerland.
- 40 Passports issued to citizens older than 45 years are valid for an unlimited period of time.
- V Third state members in possession of both a valid permanent residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a) and a recognized travel document are exempt from visa requirement.
- 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 sex industry.  
- 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 longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.
- V5 Holders of an official passport (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 for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.
- V6 Holders of a valid diplomatic passport or service passport are exempt from the obligation to hold a visa if they travel to Switzerland on an official mission or for any other travel purpose if their stay in Switzerland does not exceed 3 months.
- 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 exempted from the obligation of holding a visa, providing due authorisation by the principal.

<b>Country</b> <i>(Countries in italics: not recognized by Switzerland)</i>	<b>National passports* and other travel documents authorizing entry into Switzerland</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of up to 3 months</b>	<b>Visa required for stays of more than 3 months</b>
Vietnam		Yes <sup>V, V11</sup>	Yes <sup>V11</sup>
Yemen	10	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Zimbabwe	B	Yes <sup>V</sup>	Yes
Cyprus (future Schengen member)	ID, 20	No	No

B „Business Passport“

ID Identity card

10 Only passports of the Republic of Yemen are valid for entry into Switzerland.

20 Not to be mistaken with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which is not recognised by Switzerland.

V Third state members in possession of both a valid permanent residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a) and a recognized travel document are exempt from visa requirement.

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.

### List of travel documents

**B** „Business Passport“

**ID** Valid national identity card

**K** Consular passport

**KL** Collective passport/collective list

**P5** Passport expired for less than five years

**PA** „Public Affairs Passport“

**SB** Seaman's book

**ST** Student passport

**1** French or Luxembourg identity cards for foreign nationals (these ID cards must prove that the holder has Belgian citizenship); children's ID for under 15-year olds, for children less than 12 years old travelling accompanied by their parents (also valid without photo); temporary Belgian identity card.

**2** National passport expired for less than one year; valid child's passport or child's identity card (or expired for less than one year); national identity card ("Personalausweis") which is valid or expired for less than one year; valid temporary identity card ("Personalausweis").

**3** Irrespective of their duration of validity, diplomatic passports (red cover) or service passports (black cover) issued before January 1, 2001, are not valid for entry into Switzerland anymore.

**4** Temporary identity cards; child's laissez-passer for children under 15 years of age (children under 7 also without photo); Swiss foreign resident's permit with photo; Belgian or Luxembourg identity cards for resident foreigners (these identity cards must prove that the holder has French citizenship).

**5** Ordinary Greek passports issued before January 1, 2006, are not valid for entry into Switzerland anymore.

**6** British passports containing under the heading "nationality" one of the following entries:

- "British Citizen" (B.C); visa exemption
- "British National (Overseas)" (B.N.O.); visa exemption for stays up to 3 months → V1; obligation to hold a visa for stays of more than 3 months
- "British Overseas Territory Citizen" (B.O.T.C.); obligation to hold a visa → V
- "British Overseas Citizen" (B.O.C.); obligation to hold a visa → V
- "British Subject"; obligation to hold a visa → V
- "British Protected Person"; obligation to hold a visa → V

**7** The following documents are valid for entry into Switzerland:

- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region People's Republic of China Passport (HKSAR Passport); visa exemption → V1
- Hong Kong British National Overseas Passport (BNO Passport); visa exemption → V1
- Hong Kong Certificate of Identity; obligation to hold a visa → V
- Document of Identity for visa purposes containing under the heading "nationality" the entry "Chi-

nese.” In this case, the document is a Chinese passport. (If holder’s nationality is not mentioned, the document is not valid for entry into Switzerland.); obligation to hold a visa → V

- (The “Hong Kong British Dependent Territories Citizens Passport” is not valid anymore for entry into Switzerland.)

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- 9** Are also valid for entry into Switzerland:  
For children under age 15: birth certificate authenticated by the police or identity card with a photo of the holder; personal identity card for state officials and their family members.
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- 10** Only passports of the Republic of Yemen are valid for entry into Switzerland.
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- 11** Collective list issued by the Ministère canadien de la défense nationale for Canadian children of Canadian military personnel stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany; military ID card for Canadian military personnel on leave, in conjunction with a leave order valid for Switzerland and civilian clothes.
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- 12** Besides the passports issued by Kosovo from July 2008, the following documents will temporarily remain valid for entry into Switzerland:  
- Passports of Serbia and Montenegro  
- Passports of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
- UNMIK travel documents
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- 14** Belgian or French identity card for resident foreigners (these ID cards must prove that the holder has Luxembourg citizenship); identity card and children’s travel document for children under age 15.
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- 15** The following documents are valid for entry into Switzerland:  
  - Macao Special Administrative Region People’s Republic of China Passport (MSAR passport); visa exemption → V1
  - Macao Special Administrative Region People’s Republic of China Travel Permit (MSAR Travel Permit) containing under the heading “nationality” the entry “Chinese.” Visa requirement → V
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- 16** Laissez-passer for children under 15 years of age, from 7 years of age with photo; Swiss foreign resident’s permit with photo.
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- 17** Diplomatic passports issued before January 31, 2002, and official passports issued before April 30, 2002, are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period.
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- 18** Passports of the former Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia (with red cover and wording “SFR JUGOSLAVIJA”) are no longer accepted for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period.  
Diplomatic and official passports with a blue cover and heading Republic of Yugoslavia ( “САВЕЗНА РЕПУБЛИКА ЈУГОСЛАВИЈА” ) are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland, irrespective of their validity period. Ordinary passports with the heading Republic of Yugoslavia remain valid until 31 December 2010 at the latest.  
Note: Until further notice, the valid passport of Serbia and Montenegro still mentions “Yugoslavia.”
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- 19** Are also valid for entry into Switzerland:  
European identity card (ID); Laissez-passer, Belgian or Luxembourg ID card for foreigners which gives evidence of the holder’s Dutch nationality.
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- 20** Not to be mistaken with the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which is not recognised by Switzerland.
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- 21** State not recognised by Switzerland. However, the documents PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT and VIP PASSPORT / TRAVEL DOCUMENT issued by Palestine are accepted for the entry into Switzerland.
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- 22** Birth certificate (Boletim de nascimento) if the holder is a minor.
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- 23** Seaman’s book (valid for entry into Switzerland if the document gives evidence that (a) its holder is a citizen of the issuing state and (b) there is proof that the holder of the document is a listed member of the vessel’s crew.
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- 24** Passports issued before January 1, 2004, are not valid for entry into Switzerland.
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- 25** Laissez-passer for children under age 15.
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- 26** Children’s identity document (blue booklet)
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- 27** In autumn 2004 the Ukrainian authorities have temporarily run out of blank forms for service passports. Therefore, some persons entitled to a Ukrainian service passport were issued an ordinary passport which counts as a service passport and is valid for 5 or 10 years. In such cases the passport contains a stamp on the page reserved for official observations that states both in Ukrainian and in English the remark “Passport issued as service passport of Ukraine” as well as the official function of the holder and the date. Holders of such passports are exempted from the obligation to hold a visa under the same conditions as holders of

standard service passports

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- 28** Military ID card (Armed Forces of the United States) with photo, in civilian clothes, or with a permit to wear uniform.
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- 29** The Alien's Passport issued by Estonia is valid for entry into Switzerland without a residence permit and without a visa for stays of up to 3 months → V1; obligation to hold a visa for stays of more than 3 months.
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- 30** The Alien's Passport issued by Latvia (Latvijas Republika) is valid for entry into Switzerland without a residence permit and without a visa for stays of up to 3 months → V1; obligation to hold a visa for stays of more than 3 months.
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- 31** Latvian passports issued from July 1, 1992, to June 30, 2002, are no longer valid for entry into Switzerland.
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- 32** „Free Passport“
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- 33** Passaporto del Governatorato
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- 34** The foreign resident's passport (named "travel document" bearing the mention "Permit to re-enter" on cover page 2) is valid for entry into Switzerland; obligation to hold a visa. Not to be confused with the "Re-entry Permit" (white booklet), which is not valid for entry into Switzerland.
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- 35** Travel documents for Palestinian refugees issued by Egypt, Lebanon or Syria are valid for entry into Switzerland.
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- 36** The Slovak ID card issued to citizens older than 60 years is valid for an unlimited period of time. It contains a dash under the heading "Date of expiry".
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- 37** Also valid for entry into Switzerland:
- Travel Document in lieu of National Passport (issued as a Provisional Passport for Israeli Nationals); visa exemption for stays up to 3 months → V1
  - Travel Document (issued to holders of an "Israeli Blue I.D. card for Permanent Residents"), provided it contains a valid re-entry visa to Israel; obligation to hold a visa → V
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- 38** The Alien's Passport issued by Malta is valid for entry into Switzerland, provided it proves that the holder is entitled to return to Malta; obligation to hold a visa → V
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- 39** Also valid for entry into Switzerland:
- Travel Document (issued by Israel to holders of an "Israeli Blue I.D. card for Permanent Residents"), provided it contains a valid re-entry visa to Israel; obligation to hold a visa → V
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- 40** Passports issued to citizens older than 45 years are valid for an unlimited period of time.
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- 41** British Identity Cards containing under the heading "nationality" the entry "British Citizen" (B.C.).
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- 42** The Jordanian T-series passport is not valid for entry into Switzerland. Contrary to the ordinary Jordanian Passport, the T-series passport has (1) no Jordanian national ID number registered in the passport; and (2) no machine readable zone (MRZ).

## List of visa requirements

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- V** Third state members in possession of both a valid permanent residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a) and a recognized travel document are exempt from visa requirements.
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- 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 sex industry.
  - 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 longterm residence permit issued by a Schengen member state (cf. List 3a), provided they also hold a recognized travel document.
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- V2** Holders of a valid diplomatic or service passport are exempt from visa requirements.
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- V3** Holders of a diplomatic or official passport are exempt from visa requirements.
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- V4** Holders of an official passport (diplomatic, service, or special passports) are exempt from visa requirements.
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- V5** Holders of an official passport (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 for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.

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- V6** Holders of a valid diplomatic passport or service passport are exempt from the obligation to hold a visa if they travel to Switzerland on an official mission or for any other travel purpose if their stay in Switzerland does not exceed 3 months.
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- (V6)** Agreement on visa exemption for official passports in planning.
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- V7** Holders of a valid diplomatic passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland:  
- on an official mission; or  
- for other travel purposes for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.
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- V8** Holders of a service passport are exempt from visa requirements if they wish to enter into Switzerland:  
- on an official mission; or  
- for other travel purposes for up to 90 days without exercising a gainful occupation.
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- 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.
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- V10** Turkish pupils attending a German institute of learning on school trips are exempted from the obligation of holding a visa, providing due authorization by the principal.
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- 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.
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- V12** Obligation to hold a visa:  
- for holders of non-biometric passports (→ V)  
- with regard to exercising gainful occupation (even if the occupation does not exceed 8 days within a calendar year)
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- V13** Obligation to hold a visa:  
- for holders of non-biometric passports (→ V)  
- for holders of a 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)

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\* A passport is recognised if:

- a. the holder's identity arises from the document and its holder is a citizen of the issuing state;
- b. the document is issued by a state which is recognised by Switzerland.

Common passport naming: ordinary passport, official passports (in particular diplomatic passport, service passport, special passport).