

Checklist for International Students from **non-EU/EFTA countries**

This checklist applies to all students from countries **subject to visa requirements**.

Students from Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom are exempt from the visa requirement. After entering Switzerland, they can apply directly to the municipality of residence for a residence permit. (Start at point 3)

Students from countries subject to visa requirements must submit a consular application for a student visa in person to the Swiss Embassy or Consulate responsible for their place of residence.

The application contains the following documents:

1. Fully completed [visa application form](#) (available at the Embassy or Consulate)
2. Passport (valid for three months after the envisaged end date of studies)
3. Official Admission confirmation from ZHdK
4. Proof of sufficient financial resources to cover the cost of living and return journey in one of the following ways:
 - a. Evidence of CHF 21'000 or equivalent amount in national currency deposited in a bank account. The amount must be indicated by the bank in Swiss Francs, Euros or at least US Dollars. The account must bear the applicant's name. The bank must be authorised in Switzerland (a Swiss bank or a foreign bank with a branch in Switzerland) and appear on the following [Finma list](#).
 - b. Written guarantee (Attachment 2) from a solvent individual resident in Switzerland (either a Swiss citizen or a foreign national possessing the right of residence with a C or B permit). Please submit the following supporting documents:
 - copies of a current statement from the local or regional debt prosecution office for the last three years **and**
 - copies of the three most recent salary statements **or**
 - copies of the last tax declaration including a tax invoice **or**
 - copy of a bank statement
 - c. Proof of a scholarship or bursary to be paid out to the student in Swiss Francs, Euros, US Dollars.
 - d. Signed declaration of any other third-party, such as a foundation or similar institution vouching for the applicant.

Confirmation must be resubmitted when extending a residency permit.
5. Please provide a tabular curriculum vitae listing all schools, universities attended, and providing details of your professional education (copies of German translations of diplomas and completion certificates must be enclosed, if no such copies exist in either English or French).
6. Applicants should provide a written statement giving details of their reasons for studying in Switzerland and of their plans upon completing their course of study.
8. For minors (i.e. individuals under the age of 18 years):
 - Proof of adequate accommodation (e.g. tenancy agreement with a student hall of residence or written confirmation of accommodation arrangements made with a private individual, friend, etc.). For details, please see our guide «Housing in Zürich and Winterthur» under Housing at: www.zhdk.ch/en/studentadvice/service
 - Written proof of adequate supervision/care.
 - Written consent of the applicant's parents that their child has permission to study in Switzerland.

Important Information

Before arriving in Switzerland

- Upon receiving confirmation of your place at ZHdK and upon accepting the University's offer, you must **submit your application for a student visa (not a tourist visa) immediately**. Visas are issued within approximately three months. Without obtaining your visa prior to departure, you will be unable to enter Switzerland.
- The visa is only valid for the Canton of Zurich.
- Embassies and consulates may require applicants to submit additional documentation not listed here.
- Please see our guide «Housing in Zürich and Winterthur» under Housing:
www.zhdk.ch/en/studentadvice/service

After arriving in Switzerland

- Please note that you are required to register **within 14 days** upon entering Switzerland. If you live in the city of Zürich a registration will be [held exclusively by appointment](#) and takes place at the city hall Personenmeldeamt Zürich (Students Administration).
- When you live outside the city go to your "Einwohnerkontrolle"/"Gemeindehaus".
- The «Personenmeldeamt» requires applicants to submit proof of residence (e.g. rental agreement).
- Residence permits are as a rule issued for the duration of one year; extensions are possible.

For further details, please write to: migration.admin@zhdk.ch, +41 43 446 44 00

Enclosure

Form «Verpflichtung» (only for 5 b)



Verpflichtung

Der/die Unterzeichnete:

Familienname:
Vorname:
Geburtsdatum:
Staatsangehörigkeit:
Adresse:

verpflichtet sich gegenüber den zuständigen Behörden von Bund, Kanton und Gemeinde für den Lebensunterhalt von:

Familienname:
Vorname:
Geburtsdatum:
Staatsangehörigkeit:

während der Anwesenheit in der Schweiz aufzukommen, falls die betreffende Person dazu nicht in der Lage sein sollte.

Diese Verpflichtung umfasst alle durch die Anwesenheit verursachten Kosten bis zum Betrag von Fr. 21'000.- für zwölf Monate, namentlich sämtliche Auslagen für Unterkunft, Nahrung, Bekleidung, Arzt- und Spitalkosten sowie gegebenenfalls die Kosten der Rückreise in den Herkunfts- oder Heimatstaat.

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