

Information for foreign students

Students from countries in the European Union or European Free Trade Association should register with the local immigration authorities within two weeks of arriving in Switzerland to get their residence permits.

They should also provide proof that they have health insurance and are able to support themselves financially. They must be able to show that they are in Switzerland to study and are enrolled with a recognised institution of higher education or university.

The residence permit will be issued for one year and extended each year until the end of their studies.

Students have the right to work up to 15 hours per week. If they work more than 15 hours, their earnings will be taxable and they must obtain a specific type of residence permit. The spouses of people studying in Switzerland, and their dependent children, have the right to live in Switzerland, but not to work.

Visit the official Swiss portal <http://www.ch.ch> for all addresses of the Cantonal authorities and a list of addresses of municipal authorities.

