



Information for Students Entering a Language School (Non EU/EFTA Nationalities)

1. Persons eligible for permission of entry to Switzerland

Foreign persons, who visit Switzerland for more than three months with the purpose to improve their language abilities (normally not longer than a year). It is compulsory to attend a language school with at least twenty lessons (45 minutes) per week.

2. The most important requirements for an entry to Switzerland

2.1 Departure after finishing the language course

It must be certified that the student will leave Switzerland at the end of the language studies.

2.2 Language abilities

The student must have sufficient language skills to follow the lessons in the language school.

3. All the following documents have to be submitted together with the application form A1:

- Detailed justification why the schooling should take place in the preferred canton. It also has to be explained why the language studies cannot be obtained in another German speaking country.
- Documents of completed studies, schools or vocational education.
- Confirmation of present knowledge of at least one teaching language (diploma etc.).
- Confirmation of Registration to an acknowledged school.
- Payment proof for the school fees.
- The student's time table with at least twenty lessons per week.
- Proof of the financial reliability for all costs of living and covering all return travel costs. Either a bank statement or a guarantee of a solvent resident in Switzerland. The guarantor has to present his last tax statement and the statement of the debt registration office.
- If the stay is to be paid by the student confirmation of the ability to cover all expenses must be presented, (at least 2'000 Swiss Francs per month of stay). A bank statement of a bank or post finance branch domiciled in Switzerland is required.
- Written and signed confirmation that the student will leave Switzerland after completion of the school.
- Confirmation of the school, that the student's language skills are sufficient to follow the course.
- A copy of a valid passport.

4. Submission of the application form and its attachments

Persons who require a visa have to submit a personal entry application at the Swiss Embassy responsible for their home country. Persons who do not require a visa can send their application directly to the migration office of the Canton of St.Gallen. Applications from third parties living in Switzerland or an application personally sent from Switzerland will not be accepted.

The application must be submitted at least two months before the education starts. The applicant must wait for the permission of entry abroad.

Please pay attention: All submitted documents have to be translated if they are not in German language.

Employment and self-employment are not allowed, even if the work is voluntary and unpaid. Language students will not receive a work permit for Switzerland – not even for a part time job.