



Migrationsamt

FAQ AA19 EU/EFTA

- ***Will my paper ID still be valid after the conversion on 2 March 2020?***
The existing ID documents will retain their validity in paper format until their expiration date.
- ***From when can I obtain a foreigner ID in a credit card format?***
The effective date for the conversion in the canton St.Gallen is 1 March 2020. This means that all permits issued up to Friday, 28 February 2020, will still be in paper form.
- ***I would like to exchange my paper ID for an ID in a credit card format as quickly as possible. Will there be a general exchange?***
A new ID in a credit card format will only be issued in the event of ID-relevant changes, e.g. name changes, move from another canton or extension.
A duplicate can only be issued **at an additional charge** if the ID is lost (police report required) or destroyed.
- ***Where are my data recorded?***
Your facial image and signature are recorded at the ID Office, Oberer Graben, CH-9001 St.Gallen.
- ***Can I have my data recorded without an appointment?***
No. No data recording can be made without prior invitation to an appointment.
- ***Can the appointment for data recording be postponed?***
The data recording is in general binding and necessary to enable the foreigner ID AA19 to be produced. Postponement of the appointment will normally extend the issue of the foreigner ID. The capacities of the ID Office are limited and subject to seasonal fluctuations. If a postponement is unavoidable on important grounds, another appointment can be applied for at the ID Office at the number 058 229 88 77. Online postponement is not technically possible.
- ***What do I have to bring with for data recording?***
The appointment invitation letter (AVIS) and your domestic passport or ID card (for identification). Without a passport or ID card, data recording **cannot** occur and another appointment will be necessary!
- ***Do I have to have my data recorded again for every ID change?***
No. The facial image and signature are stored for five years and can be reused within this period.
- ***How does the new foreigner ID EU/EFTA (AA19) differ from the foreigner ID for non-EU/EFTA citizens (AA19)?***
The foreigner ID for EU/EFTA citizens (AA19 EU/EFTA) is a so-called non-biometric ID. This means that the ID **does not** contain a data chip and only the facial image and signature are recorded on the ID.



The foreigner ID for non-EU/EFTA citizens (AA19 non-EU/EFTA) includes a data chip on which the facial image, finger prints and signature are also stored electronically.

- ***I move to another canton, which has not yet converted to foreigner IDs in credit card format. Can I keep my ID in a credit card format?***
Unfortunately not. The new canton of residence will once again issue a paper ID. The new foreigner IDs for EU/EFTA citizens will be introduced throughout Switzerland in stages until summer 2021.
- ***Where will the new ID in a credit card format be sent?***
The new foreigner ID AA19 will be sent to your home directly by registered mail.
- ***Whom can I contact if I have any questions?***
You can write an email to migrationsamt@sg.ch or contact us by telephone on 058 229 31 11.