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Embassy of Switzerland in Kosovo
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STUDIES IN SWITZERLAND

October 2026

Documents to be submitted in person to the Swiss Embassy

- ☐ 3 national (type D) visa application forms fully completed and signed
- ☐ 3 passport photos
- ☐ Original passport + 2 copies (page with personal data)

Minors (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by their parents and need to provide in addition:

- ☐ Signature of both parents / legal guardians on the visa applications forms (visa D)
- ☐ Declaration of consent of both parents/legal guardians
- ☐ Valid passport of both parents/legal guardians + 2 copies
- ☐ Birth certificate of the minor

- ☐ Original confirmation of registration of the school or university + 1 copy
- ☐ Original diplomas and certificates + 2 copies (original documents will be returned)
- ☐ Motivation letter stating the objectives, duration of the study, diploma sought, future and professional plans – dated and signed + 1 copy
- ☐ Original confirmation of payment of the tuition and other fees + 1 copy
- ☐ Proof of sufficient private financial means to cover your living expenses during the studies:
  - bank account statement of the last 3 months or balance confirmation letter + 1 copy
- ☐ **IMPORTANT**: Some cantonal immigration offices may require the opening of a bank account in the name of the student. Please see here the list of Banks and securities firms authorised by FINMA: Please contact the Cantonal immigration authorities should you require further information.

  Alternatively:
  - ☐ Letter of guarantee of a sponsor with residence in Switzerland + 1 copy or
    Letter of guarantee of a sponsor with residence in your home country + 1 copy
  - ☐ Proof of solvability (for example: bank account statemens of the last 3 months or balance confirmation letter) + 1 copy
  - ☐ 2 copies of valid passeport; if relevant: 2 copies of the Swiss residence permit
    - if the sponsor is a parent: birth certificate of the visa applicant + 1 copy

- ☐ Resume (biographical data, schools attended, etc.) + 1 copy
- ☐ Original proof of language skills such as TOEFL or IELTS certificates; German, French or Italian language certificates + 2 copies, if available.
- ☐ Signed, dated and written commitment of the visa applicant to leave Switzerland after the completion of the studies + 1 copy

Fees

Application for study permit and entry visa (D): free of charge.

Appointment making

Your appointment will be scheduled only when we have received a written confirmation that you are in possession all the required documents mentioned on this information sheet.

To do so, please contact us by e-mail at: westbalkan@eda.admin.ch

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For more information, please visit our website

Important remarks

The Embassy of Switzerland reserves the right to request additionnal documents or information.

Documents and translations muss be translated in a Swiss national language or in English.

The visa application will be transmitted to the competent cantonal immigration office for decision. The processing time may take between 8 and 12 weeks. For information on the status of your application, please contact directly the Cantonal immigration authorities.

As soon as you receive **authorization** from the cantonal immigration office, please contact us by email at: westbalkan@eda.admin.ch and upload a copy of the authorization and the applicant's passport so that we can schedule an appointment for the issuance of the **entry visa (D)**.