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RESIDENCE IN SWITZERLAND

Brief guide on Residence in Switzerland

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Overview

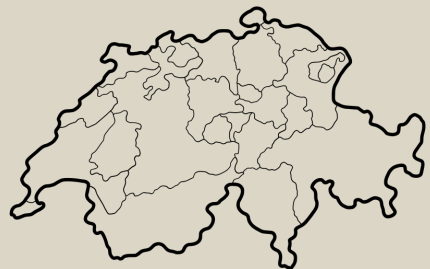
Switzerland is a politically stable, economically prosperous country at the heart of Europe, known for its high quality of life, safety, and world-class infrastructure. It participates in the Schengen Area and the European Single Market through bilateral agreements, despite not being an EU member.

Key sectors include:

- Banking & Finance
- Life Sciences & Healthcare
- Watchmaking
- Multinational Corporate HQs

Lifestyle & Geography

- 26 cantons offer varied climates, cultures, and tax regimes.
- High standard of living, with Zurich and Geneva among the cities with the highest purchasing power globally.
- Over 25% of the population are foreign nationals.
- Excellent healthcare, education, and public transport systems.



Residence & Immigration Options

For EU/EFTA Nationals

Stay up to 3 months without a permit.

Longer stay requires demonstrating sufficient financial means, health insurance, and establishing a "centre of vital interest" (min. 180 days/year).

Work permit required if employed.



For Non-EU/EFTA Nationals

Visa required for stays beyond 3 months.

Possible routes:

- Work permit (quotas apply; priority for highly qualified individuals).
- Retirement with "close ties" to Switzerland (age 55+).
- Lump-sum taxation based on fiscal interest of the canton.



Swiss Citizenship

Requires:

- 10 years of residence
- C-permit
- Language skills
- Integration



Key Requirements For Lump-Sum Taxation Route



The Main Applicant

- over 18 years old
- not engage in gainful activity within Switzerland (but may manage global investments) and
- have not been a tax resident in Switzerland for the last 10 years.

The applicant must commit to paying an annual lump-sum tax calculated on an expenditure-based model (forfait fiscal).

Non-EU/EFTA nationals can apply for a residence permit if their relocation is considered to serve the fiscal interest of the selected canton (excluding Zurich and Basel).

The minimum annual tax for Non-EU/EFTA nationals generally ranges from CHF 250,000/300,000 to CHF 500,000 or more—depending on the canton, and is a condition for obtaining Swiss residency under this route.

Path to Swiss Citizenship via Residency

Length of Residency

Applicants must have lived in Switzerland continuously for at least 10 years after reaching the age of 18, including 3 of the last 5 years before applying.



Other criteria

Applicants must also demonstrate successful integration, knowledge of Swiss culture and language, and pose no security risk.



Facilitated naturalization

It is available for certain categories, such as spouses of Swiss citizens, who have lived in a conjugal union for at least 3 years and have resided in Switzerland for a total of 5 years, including the year prior to the application.



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