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## Do I require a visa for Switzerland?

Travellers wishing to enter Switzerland for the purpose of tourism, business trips and visits for a maximum stay of 90 days do **NOT** require a Schengen visa for Switzerland if they hold one of the following passports (passport has to be valid at the time of departure from Switzerland):

### 1) **BRITISH PASSPORT:** must contain one of the following remarks:

- “British Citizen” (B.C)
- “British National (Overseas)” (B.N:O.)

### 2) **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:**

- UK travel documents, issued to refugees by the Home Office, with blue cover, two black stripes (gold stripes since 16.08.96) in the top left hand corner and mentioning agreement of 28 July 1951
- LATVIA Alien’s Passport

### 3) **NATIONAL, OFFICIAL or DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, IDENTITY CARD:**

- of all EU countries and EEA

### 4) **NATIONAL, OFFICIAL or DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT** of any of the following countries:

|             |                   |                    |   |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| Andorra     | Cyprus            | Mauritius          | Seychelles  |
| Argentina   | El Salvador       | Mexico             | Singapore   |
| Australia   | Guatemala         | Monaco             | USA   |
| Brazil      | Honduras          | <b>Montenegro*</b> | Uruguay   |
| Brunei      | Hong Kong (HKSAR) | Nicaragua          | Vatican   |
| Canada      | Israel            | New Zealand        | Venezuela   |
| Chile       | Japan             | Panama             | West Indies (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis) |
| South Korea | Macao (MSAR only) | Paraguay           |   |
| Costa Rica  | <b>Macedonia*</b> | San Marino         |   |
| Croatia     | Malaysia          | <b>Serbia* **</b>  |   |

\* only holders of biometric passports are exempt from the visa requirements

\*\* Serbian passports issued by “Kordinaciona uprava” require a Schengen visa to travel to Switzerland

**5) DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT** of any of the following countries:

|                        |                    |             |          |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| Albania                | Cuba               | Moldova     | Thailand |
| Algeria                | Dominican Republic | Morocco     | Tunisia  |
| Bolivia                | Ecuador            | Namibia     | Turkey   |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Iran               | Peru        | Ukraine  |
| Colombia               | Macedonia          | Philippines |          |

**6) OFFICIAL PASSPORT**

Philippines (issued by the Philippines government for government officials only)

**7) SERVICE PASSPORT** of any of the following countries:

|                        |                    |          |         |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------|
| Algeria                | Cuba               | Morocco  | Tunisia |
| Bolivia                | Dominican Republic | Namibia  |         |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Ecuador            | Peru     |         |
| Colombia               | Macedonia          | Thailand |         |

**8) SPECIAL PASSPORT** of any of the following countries:

|          |                    |         |          |
|----------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Bolivia  | Dominican Republic | Moldova | Peru     |
| Colombia | Ecuador            | Morocco | Thailand |
| Cuba     | Macedonia          | Namibia | Tunisia  |

**9) SCHOOL TRIPS EXEMPTION:**

Pupils of UK schools who would normally require a visa to enter Switzerland are exempt from the visa requirements if they are listed on a "List of Travellers" form which must be shown to immigration officials. They must also:

- be travelling on a school trip
- be accompanied by a teacher from the school
- have their own valid travel document
- have a valid UK residence permit or visa

To obtain the List of Travellers form, the teacher should apply online at:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/listoftravellers>

Further information about the List of Travellers can be obtained from:

British Council Information Centre

Tel. 0161 957 7755

Email: [general.enquiries@britishcouncil.org](mailto:general.enquiries@britishcouncil.org)

**If you do not fulfil the above conditions you have to obtain a Schengen visa.**

**Please note that the visa application must be submitted to the Swiss Embassy/Consulate responsible for your place of residence. A visa application not submitted to the correct Swiss Embassy/Consulate may be rejected.**

For information on how to apply for a visa please see: [www.swissembassy.org.uk](http://www.swissembassy.org.uk)

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