

## SWITZERLAND

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

Schengen State requirements- As from the beginning of June 2013

From 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 all applicants must make an appointment to apply for a visa. This is done online through VFS. An appointment must be scheduled but Visas International can assist with making the appointment on client's behalf.

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid passport (must be valid for six months) plus photocopies.  
  
**\*Please make copies of all used pages in the passport which includes visas and pages with exit and entry stamps as well as copy of the biometric page of the passport.**
- Foreign passport holders must provide satisfactory proof of immigration status in South Africa
- Original, fully completed application form with the applicant's signature which must be filled in  
online [https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantra\\_gsformular.html](https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantra_gsformular.html) or on our website. No other amendment can be made on the form besides the signatures.
- 2 recent passport size color photograph per person (Not older than 6 months)
- Copy of flight ticket and Detailed itinerary
- Proof of medical insurance and breakdown of insurance minimum of 30 000 Euros. The insurance must state that they cover **REPATRIATION**.

- Proof of accommodation
- 3 months recent original bank statements stamped by the bank teller. All travellers must have minimum of at least R1700 per day.
- All passengers travelling via the UK will be required to first obtain a valid British visa.

### **Special requirements for Tourists**

- Tourist checklist
- South African employment letter
- Confirmation of hotel reservation
- 3 months recent original bank statements stamped by the bank teller. All travellers must have minimum of at least R1700 per day.
- Applicants that have been invited by a Swiss citizen or a resident of Switzerland must fax an invitation letter direct to the Swiss Embassy in Pretoria accompanied by a copy of their Swiss passport/ID card, Or for foreigners living in Switzerland a copy of their Swiss Residency permit
- Private [CHECKLIST](#) – if visiting family/friends
- Spouses of EU [CHECKLIST](#)

### **Special requirements for Business**

- Business Checklist
- South African business letter Original.

- Letter of invitation from the company in Switzerland as well as confirmation of employment and position held in firm. This must include the applicant's passport number.

### **Minors**

- Certified parental consent is required for persons under 18 years of age if they are not travelling with a parent or legal guardian, OR if they are travelling with one parent only
- For applicants who are minors, a full birth certificate, the written consent of both parents as well as the copies of the signed parental passports are required.
- Application form to be signed by both parents.

### **Processing Time**

- +/-7 to15 working days