



Checklist visit visa

1.	Application form Duly filled in (English, German, French, Italian) and completed, dated and signed by the applicant themselves or their legal guardian. If the applicant is a minor under the age of 18, both parents must sign the form and add a copy of their passports. If one of the parents is unable to sign the form, they must submit a letter of agreement together with a copy of their passport. The application form can be downloaded from the website: https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html	
2.	All documents must be in English, translated to English, or in an official Swiss language.	
3.	One recent passport photograph (not older than 6 months) sized 3.5 x 4.5 cm with a light background. The photo should be glued onto the application form. Head covers are not permitted except if for religious reasons. The face must be fully visible: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/system/files_en?file=2016-12/icao_photograph_guidelines_en.pdf	
4.	Passport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The original passport. The passport must contain the signature of the passport holder. The passport must contain at least two consecutive empty pages. The passport must be issued within the last 10 years. The passport must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended departure date from the Schengen States. 	
5.	Invitation letter Invitation letter signed by the host covering the period of the intended stay. <i>Please add:</i> <u>If the host is a Swiss citizen</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of Swiss passport or identity card <u>If the host is not a Swiss citizen</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of passport Copy of Swiss resident permit card 	
6.	Flight ticket Copy of flight reservation (incl. return flight).	
7.	Travel insurance A medical travel insurance covering emergency medical, hospitalization and repatriation (including in case of death). The minimum cover should be EUR 30.000. This insurance must be valid for the entire Schengen area and throughout the duration of the stay.	
8.	Financial means Verifiable evidence of sufficient means of subsistence during intended stay: a) Pay slips b) a valid international credit card accompanied bank statements c) bank account statements of the last three months; or d) a form for proof of sponsorship and/or accommodation	
9.	Company letter of your employer and trade license or NOC letter for spouse/children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>For the company letter:</u> on a proper letterhead with contact details incl. e-mail and phone numbers, duly stamped and with the name and position of the signatory. Please note that also the company's owner requires such letter, however not signed by themselves. The letter must contain the following information about the visa applicant: the company, position, joining date, salary and the dates of the approved leave. The company has to assure/confirm the continuation of the employment after the desired trip abroad. <u>If your sponsor is not a commonly known Swiss or multi-national company, also hotel confirmation(s), trade license and bank statements (last 3 months) is required.</u> <u>For applicants under a spouse's or parent's visa:</u> NOC letter from the (resident visa) sponsor. <u>Self-employed persons:</u> submitting the original trade license is mandatory. 	
10.	Minors Minors travelling without their parents/legal guardian: original authorization by their parents/legal guardians either signed in front of a visa officer or duly legalized as well as passport copies of the parents/legal guardians.	
11.	United Arab Emirates or Bahrain resident permit Must be valid for min. three months (3) after the intended departure from the Schengen States. GCC citizens shall submit a copy of their valid United Arab Emirates/Bahrain resident permit card.	

Note for children and spouses of Swiss and EU/EFTA nationals: Points 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 do not apply. Instead, please include the following documents: Copy of valid Swiss or EU/EFTA passport (of spouse/parent) and proof of family relation (copy of marriage or birth certificate, legalized by the competent UAE / Bahrain authorities).

Please be aware:

- For all types of Schengen visas, the processing time generally takes 15 days
- During the visa processing time, passport withdrawal is NOT possible
- The Embassy of Switzerland in Abu Dhabi reserves the right to ask for additional supporting documents and/or a personal interview