Information on Requirements to Enter Switzerland

1. General

For participants of certain countries, it will be necessary to obtain a visa to enter Switzerland. The Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides information on such requirements for all countries:


Contact and addresses of Swiss consulates in all countries can also be found on the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs website:


Please get the information regarding required travel documents as early as possible from the consulate responsible for your consular district.

2. Letters of Invitation

In some cases, you will need a so-called “Letter of Invitation” from us, in order to obtain a Visa. If you need such a letter, please contact us as early as possible, specifying the following mandatory information:

- Full name as in your passport
- Nationality and professional affiliation
- Passport number, validity and issuing authority

Note that this letter needs to be handed in together with all other Visa application documents to the consulate by yourself. The consulate will normally not accept any documents handed in by thirds.