



List 2: ID and visa provisions – particularities regardless of nationality (version of 02 March 2009)

2.1 Airline passengers in transit (Art. 6 Ordinance on Entry and Visa Procedure)

a) Airline passengers on authorised regular services in principle do not require an airport transit visa providing they fulfil the following cumulative requirements:

- a. they are in possession of a valid and official travel document;
- b. they do not leave the transit area;
- c. they continue their journey by air within 48 hours;
- d. they are in possession of the travel documents and visa required for entering the country of destination;
- e. they possess an airline ticket for the journey to their destination;
- f. and they have booked their connecting flight prior to their arrival at a Swiss airport.

b) Exceptions: Visa required for the airport transit

Country	Visa required for airport transit	Visa required for airport transit for holders of diplomatic, service or special passports	Visa required for airport transit with a recognised travel document and residence permit according to the following list ¹	Visa required for airport transit with a recognised travel document and a valid visa according to the following list ²
Afghanistan	Yes	No	No	Yes
Angola	Yes	No	No	No
Bangladesh	Yes	No	No	Yes
Cameroon	Yes	No	No	No
Congo (dem. Republic)	Yes	No	No	Yes
Eritrea	Yes	No	No	Yes
Ethiopia	Yes	No	No	Yes
Ghana	Yes	No	No	Yes
Guinea	Yes	No	No	No
India	Yes	No	No	No
Iran	Yes	No	No	Yes
Iraq	Yes	No	No	Yes
Lebanon	Yes	No	No	No
Nigeria	Yes	No	No	Yes
Pakistan	Yes	No	No	Yes
Sierra Leone	Yes	No	No	No
Somalia	Yes	No	No	Yes
Sri Lanka	Yes	No	No	Yes
Turkey	Yes	No	No	No

1) List of residence permits according to annex 3 part III CCI, exempting the holder from requiring an airport transit visa:

[Annex 3 CCI](#)

2) List of countries whose visas exempt the holder from requiring an airport transit visa:

- Andorra
- Japan
- Canada
- Monaco
- San Marino
- United States of America
- EFTA member states
- EU member states

2.2 Crew members of an airline company

Holders of a pilot's licence or a Crew Member Licence or Certificate according to annex 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation dated 7 December 1944 have the following authorisation while carrying out their official duty:

- a) to embark or disembark from their aircraft at a stopover or destination airport on the territory of a member state;
- b) to proceed to the territory of the commune to which the stopover or destination airport on the territory of a member state belongs;
- c) to travel by any means of transport to an airport on the territory of a member state with the purpose of embarking on an aircraft departing from that airport.

2.3 List of resident permits allowing entry into the Schengen area without a visa

Third state citizens who are holders of the following documents are exempt from visa obligations for stays of up to 3 months:

- a valid resident permit as listed under 2.3.1 and
- a valid and recognised travel document according to annex 1, list 1 or annex 1, list 2 (points 2.4 to 2.6).

2.3.1 List of resident permits issued by Schengen member states

[List of resident permits](#)

2.4 Refugees

The travel document for refugees issued in accordance with the London Agreement of 15 October 1946 or the Geneva Convention of 28 July 1951 allows entry into Switzerland:

a) in principle with a visa;

b) without a visa if the holder is not staying in Switzerland for more than three months and is not engaged in gainful employment and is in possession of a travel document issued by a Schengen member state, Great Britain, Ireland or Rumania¹ providing the holder is residing in that state.

2.5 Stateless persons

The travel document for stateless persons issued in accordance with the New York Agreement of 28 September 1954 allows entry into Switzerland:

a) in principle with a visa;

b) without a visa if the holder is not staying in Switzerland for more than three months and is not engaged in gainful employment and is in possession of a travel document issued by an Schengen member state providing the holder is residing in that state.

2.6 Alien's travel document

Travel document for foreign nationals (alien's travel document, alien's passport or non-nationals passport):

a) in principle is **not accepted for entry into Switzerland;**

b) **Exceptions:**

- Alien's travel documents issued by Schengen member states or Liechtenstein are accepted:
 - in conjunction with a valid residence permit as listed under 2.3, without a visa for stays of up to 3 months.
 - "Alien's passports" issued by Estonia and Latvia are accepted for entry into Switzerland without a residence permit, without a visa for stays of up to 3 months.
- The alien's travel document of the USA (known as "travel document" and containing the inscription "Permit to re-enter" on cover page 2) is accepted for entry into Switzerland with a visa.

2.7 Passport for foreign nationals (issued by Switzerland)

This document is issued by Switzerland to persons officially recognised as being stateless and to undocumented foreign nationals with a settlement permit or annual residence permit. The document is accepted for entry into Switzerland **without a visa**.

¹ According to the European Agreement on the Abolition of visas for refugees dated 20 April 1959.

2.8 Identity document (issued by Switzerland)

This document is issued to persons in need of protection, to temporarily admitted foreigners and to asylum seekers who are undocumented. The document is accepted for entry into Switzerland **with a visa**.

2.9 Laissez-Passer (issued by Switzerland)

This document is issued to foreign nationals who do not have any other travel document and who cannot acquire any other document. The Laissez-Passer is accepted for entry into Switzerland **with a visa**.

2.10 United Nations (UNO) Laissez-Passer

This document is accepted for entry into Switzerland **with a visa**.

2.11 European Union (EU) Laissez-Passer

The Laissez-Passer for members and employees of EU institutions is accepted for entry into Switzerland **without a visa**.

2.12 NATO ID card

The personal NATO ID card for American and Canadian soldiers stationed in Europe is accepted for entry into Switzerland in conjunction with a "Leave Order" **without a visa**.

2.13 Rhine sailors and their family members

These persons are not subject to the visa obligation.

Note: The travel document must contain a tri-lingual stamp or note either from Belgium, Germany France, the Netherlands or Switzerland. Any questions may be directed to the competent authorities (police and military department) of the Canton of Basel-Stadt (Polizei- und Militärdepartement des Kantons Basel-Stadt, Kontrollbüro, 4001 Basel).

2.14 Travel facilities for school pupils

School pupils from third countries resident in a Schengen member state, the UK or Ireland are exempt from visa obligations if a list of the pupils issued by the competent authorities of one of the above mentioned states can be presented in accordance to decision 94/795 of the EU Council dated 30 November 1994.