

Forms of authorisation

Which residence permit?	Who is it valid for?	An example	How long is this permit valid?
Permit L Short-term residence permit	The person wants to live in Switzerland for a limited period (less than one year).	She comes from Italy with a work contract in Switzerland for 6 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The permit is valid for the specified duration. • The permit can be extended.
Permit B Residence permit	The person wants to live in Switzerland for a longer period (one year or more) for a specific reason (e.g., for work, training, or family reunification).	She comes from Portugal with a work contract in Switzerland for 3 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For persons from the EU/EFTA: the permit is valid for 5 years. • For persons from other countries: the permit is valid for 1 year. • The permit can be extended.
Permit C Settlement permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person wants to settle in Switzerland for many years. • To apply for the C permit, she must have lived in Switzerland for at least 5 or 10 years. 	She is French. She has worked and lived in Switzerland for 5 years.	The permit is valid for 5 years, it can be extended.
Permit G Cross-border commuter permit	The person wants to work in Switzerland but continue living in an EU/EFTA country.	She lives in France and works in Switzerland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the person has a work contract for at least 1 year, the permit is valid for 5 years. • The permit can be extended.