

Residence authorisations (or permits)

A residence authorisation is required to live or work in Switzerland. There are different types of authorisations. The term residence permit is also used.

Various forms of authorisation

Anyone who lives or works in Switzerland for a period of more than three months needs an authorisation.

The conditions are different for European Union (EU)/EFTA nationals and those who hold the nationality of other states (outside the European Union and EFTA).

This authorisation is sent by the Population Office of the Canton of Jura. The following table summarises the forms of authorisation.

For asylum seekers:

People who come to Switzerland to apply for asylum have other permits.

Permits for foreigners

Foreigners living in Switzerland receive a permit. This permit may differ from person to person, depending on various criteria (e.g. country of origin).

All permits are issued in the form of a biometric card.

To obtain a permit, you have to go to the Bureau des passeports (Passport Office) in Delémont and have your biometric data (fingerprints and photo) recorded.

If your licence is lost or stolen, you must reported this to the police immediately.

Extending/renewing your residence permit

There are several steps to renew your authorisation, depending on your status and nationality. You will receive a form to complete. You must return this form by the deadline. Renewal is not automatic. There are conditions. For example: learning French. Sometimes renewal is declined. For example, if:

- the person has committed an offence
- the person receives welfare for a long time

Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

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