



SCHENGEN C VISA - FAMILY / FRIENDS VISIT

Processing your visa application

- Book an appointment by e-mail to abuja.visa@eda.admin.ch (see also "[how to book an appointment](#)").
- Visa applications are received every morning (except Fridays), from 8.30am.
- Processing a Schengen visa application takes at least 15 days (no fast tracking available).
- Applicants must appear at the Embassy in person.
- Failing to bring all required documents will result in having to book a new appointment.

Fees

The visa fee can be paid by POS or in cash (NGN) during the appointment. Please check the exact visa fee on our [website](#) before the appointment.

In case of a refusal or a withdrawal of the application, the visa fee will not be refunded.

Documents to submit (additional documents might be requested)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | One Schengen application form | duly filled-in (application forms are free of charge). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Passport | valid at least three months after leaving the Schengen area and with at least two blank visa pages; please additionally submit all previous passports, either valid or cancelled. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One photocopy of identification page of passport | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of all Schengen, UK, US and Canadian visas | if applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of the Nigerian residence permit | For non-Nigerian nationals residing in Nigeria only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two passport photographs | in color, 35x45 mm, white background, not older than 3 months, good quality. Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter of invitation from the host in Switzerland and Copy of Swiss residence permit or Swiss passport / ID card of the host | <p>must contain: name, first name, date of birth of every invited person, purpose and duration of visit (exact dates of stay in Switzerland), cost guarantee and confirmation of applicant's accommodation (if applicable).</p> <p>The host in Switzerland must additionally send the invitation letter by email to: abuja.visa@eda.admin.ch as a PDF, duly signed and dated, with a copy of his/her passport data page containing the signature + if applicable a copy of the Swiss residence permit.</p> <p>If the host works for an international organization or diplomatic mission in Geneva or Bern: ➤ good quality copy of valid "carte de légitimation"</p> |

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| | | ➤ confirmation of employment signed by the international organization or diplomatic mission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | If not hosted | hotel/accommodation reservation in Switzerland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of employment / income | <p>➤ If self-employed: introduction letter (mentioning who will cover the costs for entire trip); business incorporation certificates and memorandum, original (to be returned) and photocopies; company bank statement and personal bank statement for the last 3 months, stamped and signed by the bank.</p> <p>➤ If employed: introduction letter from the employer with indication of the start date of employment, the annual salary, the granted leave period, the resumption date and mentioning who will cover the costs for the entire trip; salary slips for the last 3 months; personal bank statement for the last 3 months, reflecting salary slips, stamped and signed by the bank.</p> <p>➤ If unemployed or retired: introduction letter with indication of source of livelihood; personal bank statement for the last 3 months, stamped and signed by the bank.</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hotel reservation | or confirmation of accommodation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preliminary ticket booking | A flight reservation is sufficient. It is not recommended to buy a ticket before the visa has been granted. The Embassy cannot be held responsible in case of delays or visa refusal. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of international travel insurance | The insurance shall be valid throughout the territory of the Schengen Member States and shall cover the entire period of the intended stay or transit. The minimum coverage is EUR 30'000.- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Marriage Certificate | If married. Original and one photocopy. The original will be returned. |

Minors (under the age of 18 years old)

Both parents (respectively legal guardian(s)) must sign the visa application form (original signatures only).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Birth Certificate | Original and one photocopy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Both parents' passports | Copy of the data pages. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Consent letter | <p>dated and signed, from both parents.</p> <p>➤ If one of the parents is absent or deceased: court decision or a death certificate when applicable.</p> <p>➤ If the legal guardian is someone else apart from the parent as stated in the birth certificate: custody order (Affidavits not accepted) proving the legal guardianship.</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Original letter from school | containing the minor's name, name of parents, grade, confirming leave to travel with exact travel dates. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete list of names | If the minor travels with a group: a complete list of names of all group members travelling, name of person in charge of the group and confirmation of sponsorship for the trip and entire stay. |