



## *Swiss*

### Residence Program

Switzerland ranks among the world's top countries due to its notable, high quality of life. An ideal combination of political and economic stability, a clean and safe environment, efficient public services, and relatively low tax rates makes the country an excellent choice for both business and residence. The Swiss Residence Program offers foreign nationals the opportunity to live in any one of the country's 26 cantons.

*Population:* 8.4 million

*Languages:* German, French, Italian

*Economy:* Advanced, modern market

*Currency:* Swiss franc

### *Program overview*

- Minimum annual taxes of CHF 250,000, dependent on the applicant and the canton of residence
- Processing time of three–six months
- The right to live and study in Switzerland

### *Key benefits*



Visa-free access to Europe's Schengen Area



Political, social, and economic stability



Multilingual society, with English widely spoken



First-class infrastructure and excellent banking facilities



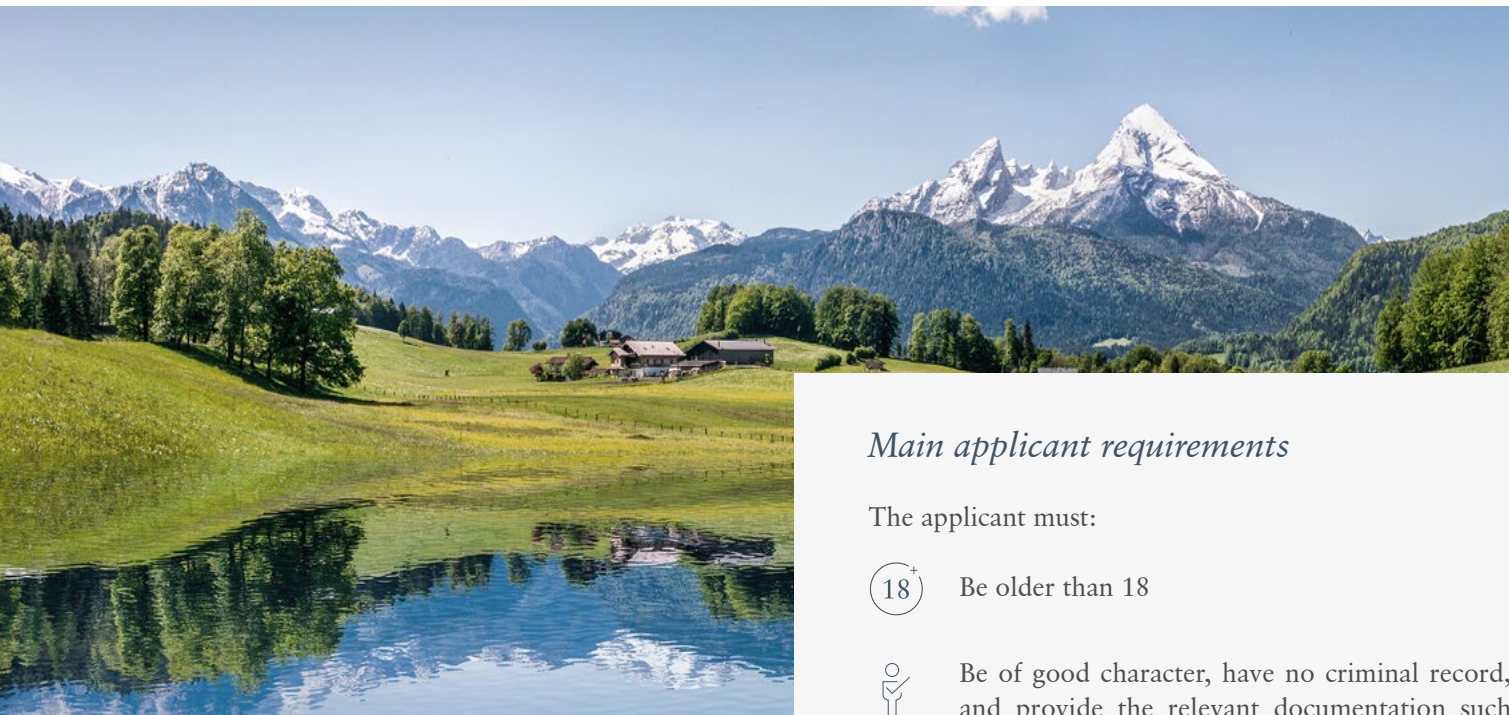
Attractive lifestyle and healthy environment



World-renowned schools and excellent education system




Favorable taxation system








## Procedures

There are different categories of residence permits available, with a distinction between permits for EU or EFTA nationals and non-EU or non-EFTA nationals. Applications from EU or EFTA nationals are straightforward and usually handled within just two–four weeks, due to a Free Movement of Persons Agreement between Switzerland and the EU. Procedures for non-EU or non-EFTA citizens are far more complex. For wealthy persons with no intention to execute gainful occupation in Switzerland, the Swiss Residence Program is a straightforward option.

- 1 Client contacts *Henley & Partners*
  - 2 Initial due diligence checks completed
  - 3 Client agreement signed and retainer paid
  - 4 Applications submitted to the immigration and tax departments of the government
  - 5 Application approved in principle
  - 6 Client issued with visa to enter Switzerland and register for a residence permit upon arrival
-  Three- to six-month process (dependent on case-by-case decision process)

## Main applicant requirements

The applicant must:

-  Be older than 18
-  Be of good character, have no criminal record, and provide the relevant documentation such as copies of passports, CV, and information on financial standing
-  Not be gainfully occupied in Switzerland but may administer their own worldwide investment portfolio in Switzerland and may be active outside of Switzerland
-  Undertake to pay a certain annual lump sum tax amount, dependent on various factors such as their financial standing, the standard of living in Switzerland, and which canton and municipality they reside in, ranging from CHF 250,000 to over CHF 1 million per year
-  Pay the fixed one-time application fee for the residence permit(s)

## About us

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