



Return visa to Switzerland

Holders of a valid Swiss residence permit staying abroad for less than six months can apply for a return visa in case of loss or theft of the residence permit if the stay in Switzerland is regulated and longer than three months. The issuance of a return visa requires prior authorisation of the competent authority in Switzerland. A visa application for a return visa can be submitted at the counter of the Consular Agency in Vientiane during the [opening hours](#). Please arrange an appointment in advance: vientiane.ca@eda.admin.ch / +856 21 251 794.

Documentary requirements

- [Visa application form](#) (“Application for a long stay visa D”) one form, duly filled out, dated and signed by the applicant
- [Two passport-sized pictures](#) recently made color pictures, 3.5 - 4 cm in width, neutral light background, head takes up 70-80% of the surface
- **Passport** valid at least three months after the planned entry date in the Schengen territory, at least two blank pages
- **Photocopy of the passport** personal data page and entry stamp from Laos
- **Photocopy of the Swiss residence permit** if available
- **Police report** original without translation

Fees

[Here](#) you can find the visa application-handling fee.

Procedure

The application will be sent to the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by weekly courier and submitted electronically to the cantonal migration office competent for the applicant's place of residence in Switzerland. The Regional Consular Center in Bangkok has no influence on the processing time. Upon receipt of the authorization of the office for migration, the applicant will be contacted by phone. The visa can be picked-up during the opening hours with prior appointment at the Consular Agency in Vientiane.

Important: Holders of a valid Swiss residence permit staying abroad for more than six months who would like to return to Switzerland are requested to contact the Regional Consular Center in Bangkok by [e-mail](#) regarding the visa application procedure.

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