National Visa with a Work Permit in Switzerland

Information for gainful activities of more than 120 working days per calendar year

Any gainful activity is subject to authorization by the competent, cantonal migration authority. The employer must take the necessary steps in Switzerland and apply for the work permit of the visa applicant at the competent migration authority in the Canton where the working place is located beforehand.

If the gainful activity is exercised for more than eight but less than 120 days per calendar year, please refer to the relevant information under "Schengen visa for a stay of up to 90 days".

Once the relevant authorization has been obtained, the applicant is requested to submit the following documents by hand or registered mail to the Consulate General of Switzerland in Ho Chi Minh City.

Only complete applications can be processed. All original documents are returned to the applicant.

The visa can normally be picked up after two working days. The passport can also be returned to an address in Vietnam by registered mail if a self-addressed envelope and VND 40’000.-- are submitted with the application.

All applications must contain:

1.	**One recent passport-size (4cm x 6cm) color photograph** with plain light background, head takes up 70-80% of the surface
2.	**Passport or official travel document** which must have at least three months validity after the planned entry date and with at least two blank visa pages
3.	**One photocopy** in A4 paper size of the personal data page **of the passport** and all pages with previous Schengen visas and entry/exit stamps
4.	One copy of the **authorization from the migration authority in Switzerlan**d (form "Ermächtigung zur Visumerteilung (Einreiseerlaubnis)" / "Authorisation habilitant les representations Suisses à délivrer un visa")
5.	**Visa application fee in cash**: https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/vietnam/en/home/visa/entry-ch/more-90-days/fees-national.html - refund is not possible