



Information for a good start in your new home

Work permits

Securing a work permit

The conditions for obtaining a work permit depend on your country of origin.

EU/EFTA citizens benefit from the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons, which enables them to enter Switzerland and change their employer or place of residence. Croatian nationals are subject to labour market restrictions during the transitional period. Employment can only begin once the residence and work permit has been issued.

Third-country nationals are only granted a work permit if they are highly specialised and meet an economic need. All foreign nationals must have a residence and work permit before starting work. You can apply for this at the residents' registration office (Einwohnerkontrolle) of your municipality.

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