

**GEN 1.3 ENTRY, TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE OF PASSENGERS AND CREW****1. Passengers****1.1 Transit**

a. As a rule, passengers of scheduled air services, based on a concession, may transit without a transit-visa provided they fulfil all of the following requirements:

- a. hold a valid and recognised travel document;
- b. do not LVE the transit area;
- c. pursue their travel within 48 HR;
- d. are in possession of travel documents required for entry at their DEST (incl. visa if applicable);
- e. are in possession of an air ticket to their DEST, and
- f. have booked their seat on an ACFT prior to their ARR in Switzerland.

b. Exceptions: A visa for transit is required for nationals of the following States:

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Afghanistan | Iran         |
| Angola      | Iraq         |
| Bangladesh  | Nigeria      |
| Cameroun    | Pakistan     |
| Congo (DRC) | Sierra Leone |
| Eritrea     | Somalia      |
| Ethiopia    | Sri Lanka    |
| Ghana       | Turkey       |
| Guinea      |              |

The following group of persons is exempt from the requirements indicated under b):

1. Holders of a valid diplomatic, service or special passport

2. Holders of a valid visa delivered by one of the following States:

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Schengen-Member State | Japan*                         |
| Bulgaria*             | Principality of Liechtenstein* |
| Canada*               | Romania*                       |
| Cyprus*               | United Kingdom*                |
| Ireland*              | United States of America*      |

\* Remark: Does not apply, if nationals under b) do return from a third country and not from the issuing State.

3. a. Holders of a residence permit issued by one of the following states:

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Schengen-Member State | Principality of Liechtenstein* |
| Bulgaria*             | Romania*                       |
| Cyprus*               | United Kingdom*                |
| Ireland*              |                                |

\* Remark: Does not apply, if nationals under b) return from a third country and not from the issuing State.

b. Holders of a residence permit issued in accordance with Annex V to the Visa code by one of the following States:

|         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| Andorra | San Marino               |
| Canada  | United States of America |
| Japan   |                          |

4. Family members of nationals of an EC country

5. Crew members of ACFT that are nationals of a member State of the Convention on International Civil Aviation done at Chicago on 07 DEC 1944.

Information regarding regulation in force for other persons not included above is AVBL from the Federal Office for Migration.  
[http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/de/home/dokumentation/rechtsgrundlagen/weisungen\\_und\\_kreisschreiben/visa.html](http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/de/home/dokumentation/rechtsgrundlagen/weisungen_und_kreisschreiben/visa.html)

## **1.2 Entry**

For entry and residence in Switzerland for not more than 90 days, passengers require a valid and recognised travel document (passport or identity card). Where applicable, passengers must be in possession of a valid visa, unless he/she holds a residence permit from a Schengen-Member State which is considered to carry equivalent status to a visa.

For nationals of:

Austria, Belgium, France, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Monaco, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and The Netherlands, a passport which expired in the last five years is sufficient.

For nationals of Germany, a passport which expired in the last year is sufficient.

For nationals of the following countries, an identity card is sufficient:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Polen, Portugal, Principality of Liechtenstein, Romania, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom.

For nationals of other States other requirements regarding travel documents and visas may exist. A current overview may be found on the webpage of the Federal Office for Migration (<http://www.bfm.admin.ch>). The Swiss Embassies and Consulates, as well as the Federal Office for Migration, are able to provide further information.

## **1.3 Departure**

Passengers must hold a valid and recognised travel document and, if applicable and depending on their DEST, a visa or a residence permit of a Schengen-Member State, which is considered to carry equivalent status to a visa.

## **2. Crews**

While on duty, crew members of a foreign airline can produce, instead of a national passport and a visa, a crew member certificate according to Appendix 4 of ICAO Annex 9, or a licence.

## **3. Military Personnel**

According to an Order of the Federal Council of 04 NOV 1970, the wearing of foreign uniforms in Switzerland requires permission from the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport. Exempt from a special permission are the crew of foreign MIL ACFT (or other State ACFT) holding AUTH from FOCA in accordance with [GEN 1.2](#), are exempt from this requirement for special permission.