



## Information: Visa extension in Switzerland, in connection with the corona virus crisis

### Can I apply for a visa extension in Switzerland in connection with the current corona virus crisis?

Yes, a person subject to visa requirements in Switzerland can apply for an extension of their visa in Switzerland if

- she/he was in possession of a valid Schengen visa when she/he last entered Switzerland,
- she/he is no longer able to find a flight solution to their country of residence as a result of the sharp reduction in air traffic due to the corona virus crisis
- and her/his Schengen visa therefore expires on the date of cancellation of the booked flight or later.

If you fulfil ALL THREE CONDITIONS AT THE SAME TIME, you can apply for a visa extension at the Migration Office of your current canton of residence.

Please note: the corona virus crisis in itself and alone is NOT accepted as the basis for visa extension.

### For how long can I extend the visa at most?

The maximum stay for persons with permanent residence outside the Schengen area is 90 days within 180 days. However, the Migration Office of your current canton of residence will decide on the effective extension of the visa.

### What do I need for the visa extension?

You basically need the following documents:

- a passport valid for at least three months beyond the original date of departure, with a corresponding Schengen visa
- If possible: a travel health insurance that covers the entire stay
- If possible: Proof of the lack of return flight possibility (e.g. correspondence with travel agency or airline)

Please note that the cantonal migration office is entitled to charge an administrative fee for visa extensions.

### How can a visa extension be applied for?

Contact the Migration Office of your current canton of residence as soon as possible:

[https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/ueberuns/kontakt/kantonale\\_behoerden/adressen\\_kantone\\_und.html](https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/ueberuns/kontakt/kantonale_behoerden/adressen_kantone_und.html)