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Checklist for Schengen Visa (type C): Private Short Stay for Diplomatic/Special Passports

No.	Documents Required All documents should be in English or translated to English
1	**Passport:** Original with **(1 copies**), **recognized by Switzerland:** - Issued within the last 10 years and with at least 3 months validity after the scheduled return, with at least two blank pages. - If the passport does not state the place of birth, a copy of ID card or a birth certificate must be submitted. Copy of Saudi family ID card is required if applying with the family with English translation.
2	**Visa application form:** - Completed, signed twice by the applicant, if applicable, authorization of third person. The visa application form is free of charge and can be downloaded from the website: https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html
3	**Two recent passport-sized photographs** with a white background, not stapled. Full face, no head or face cover(s) that prevent(s) full visibility of the facial features.
4	**Verbal Note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** stating also the purpose of the visit.
5	**Special Passport holders:** If the purpose for the stay is not official, you must enclose travel insurance. Travel Insurance: Proof of travel medical insurance covering the entire period of intended stay, valid for all Schengen States and covering any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment not excluding COVID-19 infections, or death during the stay. The minimum coverage must be EUR 30'000.00 Only insurance from KSA, EU or Switzerland is accepted.
6	**Flight Ticket:** Copy of flight reservation/s including details of the itinerary and the flight reservation number
7	**For tourism:** Proof of accommodation during intended stay: hotel reservation or copy of a rental contract or proof of self-used property in the name of the applicant.

Additional requirements for: Non – Saudi Nationals:

1	Verbal Note from their Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Diplomatic Mission in Saudi Arabia stating also the purpose of the visit.
2	Iqama, exit/re-entry visa and 1 copy thereof.

Personal appearance of the applicant is mandatory to submit a visa application, if the fingerprints have not been captured during the last 59 months. If the fingerprints have been captured during the last 59 months, the application can be sent through a representative

General Information:

The Embassy of Switzerland in Saudi-Arabia have outsourced the application process for short-term visas (so called Schengen visas) to the external service provider VFS Global

Our external service provider will support you during the application process. VFS Global is responsible for receiving your visa application, checking the completeness and acceptability of your application form and application documents, collecting biometric data, receiving the visa fee and other fees (service fee and optional fees) and returning your passport. The decision whether or not to issue a visa is taken by the Swiss Embassy only, VFS Global is not involved in the decision.

Where to apply for Schengen visas: **https://visa.vfsglobal.com/sau/en/che/**

When should you place your visa application?
It is recommended to place your visa application 6 weeks prior to your intended travel date.
Please be aware that it is possible to place your visa application 6 months before your intended trip and at the most 15 days before your planned arrival date to the Schengen area.

How long should you wait before you get an answer?
You should wait between 10 to 15 days before getting an answer.
This period may be longer if you place your application in a busy period (summer vacations and school holidays).

Declaration:

I have been informed that an application without a complete set of documentation according to the above-mentioned checklist may result in a rejection of my visa application. Besides, the Embassy of Switzerland Riyadh reserves the right to ask for additional supporting documents and may request for personal interview at the embassy.

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Date	**Applicant Signature**	**VFS Staff**