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Enter Switzerland

Entry regulations

From **Saturday, 22 January 2022**, persons who have been **vaccinated** or who have **recovered** from COVID-19 will **no longer be required to present a negative PCR or rapid antigen test** before entering Switzerland.

People arriving from high-risk countries are only allowed to enter as tourists when they are fully vaccinated with an EMA or WHO approved vaccine.

From EU/Schengen and other green list third countries: Persons who are not vaccinated or who have not recovered from COVID-19 will still have to take the tests to enter the country. However, due to limited testing capacity, travellers will no longer be required to take follow-up tests four to seven days after arriving, meaning that the '3G' rule applies to enter Switzerland.

The Passenger Locator Form (PLF) will only have to be completed by those travelling to Switzerland by **plane** or on a **long-distance bus service**.

Entry Testing

Q: What entry tests are required?

A: For vaccinated and recovered guests, tests are no longer needed as of 22 January 2022. Only travellers arriving from EU/Schengen and some third countries are allowed to enter without being vaccinated or recovered. But they need to provide a negative PCR test (72h) or a negative rapid antigen test (24h)

*Q: If I just go for a **day trip to a neighbouring country**, do I have to present a PCR or rapid antigen test to re-enter?*

A: No test required. But if you arrive in Switzerland by plane or long-distance bus service, you need to fill in the Swiss Passenger Locator Form (PLF) again.

*Q: What happens if I **test positive**?*

A: If you test positive, notify the canton about the test result. Here you find the contact details for the cantonal authorities. You also must immediately go into quarantine. To get advice on what to do, ask your hotel or the local tourist office for support, or call the **FOPH Infoline for people travelling to Switzerland**: +41 58 464 44 88 (every day from 6am to 11pm).

Q: Do partners/family members/travel companions of people who test positive need to go into quarantine?

A: No quarantine is required for **vaccinated and recovered** partners/family members/travel companions of people who test positive. All details [here](#).

Q: What are the rules for kids?

A: Kids up to 16 do not need to be vaccinated nor present a negative test when entering Switzerland when accompanied by a vaccinated adult. Kids from 16 to 18 do need to show a negative rapid



antigen test (24h) or a negative PCR test (72h) but need not to be vaccinated if they are accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult. The Swiss Passenger Locator Form (PLF) needs to be filled out for children if arriving by plane or long-distance bus service.

Entering Switzerland without being fully vaccinated

Only if one travels from a Schengen or EU countries and smaller European and third countries and regions you are allowed to enter without being fully vaccinated. But the entry requirements are stricter: Swiss Passenger Locator Form (PLF) and a negative PCR or rapid antigen test to enter.

The countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain. Andorra, Bahrain, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Ireland, Kuwait, Macao, Monaco, New Zealand, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Vatican / Holy See

Accepted vaccines to enter Switzerland

In principle you need to be fully vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the EMA or the WHO emergency listing to be able to enter Switzerland:

- Pfizer/BioNTech (BNT162b2 / Comirnaty® / Tozinameran)
- Moderna (mRNA-1273 / Spikevax / COVID-19 vaccine Moderna)
- AstraZeneca (AZD1222 Vaxzevria®/ Covishield™)
- Janssen / Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)
- Sinopharm / BIBP (SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell))
- Sinovac (CoronaVac)
- COVAXIN®
- Novavax (NVX-CoV2373 / Nuvaxovid™/ Covovax™)

Travelcheck

Please always check this important website: <https://travelcheck.admin.ch/home>

Travel in Switzerland

Indoor spaces only for fully vaccinated or recovered people with certificate

You are only allowed to enter indoor spaces (restaurants and museums etc.) if you are fully vaccinated or recovered. In indoor settings the '2G' rule is in effect (admission only for vaccinated or recovered persons). This concerns restaurants, cultural, sporting and leisure venues and events. A mask requirement still applies in these settings, as does a seating requirement when consuming food or drink.

A Covid certificate is mandatory. You find all relevant information below:



Certificate	Condition	Period of validity in Switzerland
COVID-19 vaccination	<u>You were vaccinated in Switzerland.</u>	270 days from when the last vaccine dose was administered
COVID-19 vaccination	<u>You were vaccinated abroad with a vaccine that has been authorised by the EMA.</u>	
COVID-19 vaccination	<u>You were vaccinated abroad with a vaccine for which emergency authorisation has been issued by the WHO but which has not been authorised by Swissmedic or the EMA AND you are a Swiss citizen or have a residence permit in Switzerland.</u>	
COVID-19 vaccination	<u>You were vaccinated abroad with a vaccine for which emergency authorisation has been issued by the WHO but which has not been authorised by Swissmedic or the EMA AND you are only visiting Switzerland (e.g. as a tourist).</u>	30 days from issue
Recovery	<u>You tested positive in Switzerland or abroad with a PCR test.</u>	270 days from the date of the test result
Recovery	<u>You tested positive in Switzerland with an antibody test.</u>	90 days from the date on which the sample was taken
Negative test result	<u>You tested negative in Switzerland with a PCR test.</u>	72 hours from the date on which the sample was taken



Certificate	Condition	Period of validity in Switzerland
Negative test result	You tested negative in Switzerland with a rapid antigen test.	24 hours from the date on which the sample was taken

Certificate Conversion

National Website: <https://covidcertificate-form.admin.ch/foreign>

Certificate Conversion in the tourism regions: in some regions, certificate conversion is offered at offline spots:

- Zurich: Zurich Airport / Zurich Tourist Office (Zurich HB – Main Station) / Details [here](#)
- Valais: various local tourist offices / Details n/a

Not available are services in Graubünden, Eastern Switzerland, Jura 3 Lacs and Ticino.

For all other tourism regions, the availability of offline certificate conversion services is not clear.

FAQ

Q: How long is the certificate valid

A: 270 days after the last shot (booster or 2nd vaccination)

Q: Is it possible to apply for Certificate bulk conversions?

A: No, this is currently not possible nor considered by the FOPH nor the cantons.

Q: Can a 3rd party apply for the certificate conversion? E.g., a tour operator?

A: yes.

Q: Can I convert my certificate while in Switzerland (offline locations)?

A: In some regions, certificate conversion is offered at offline spots:

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Q: What happens with children

A: Children up to 16 can enter restaurants when accompanied by an adult with a valid certificate. Children 16 to 18 need to be vaccinated and have a Covid certificate to enter indoor spaces (e.g., restaurants) otherwise they will not be allowed to enter.

Useful websites and sources

General information on entering Switzerland can be found on the [FOPH webpage](#).

Further information on certificates can be found on this [website](#).

A list of non-risk countries can be found on the [webpage of the SEM](#).

[Frequently asked questions](#) regarding the entry regulations by the FOPH.