Switzerland
Residence by Investment Programme

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Switzerland

Switzerland is a federal republic made up of 26 cantons and one of the most attractive countries in the world for conducting business. It does not operate a typical residence-by-investment programme; instead, non-EU/EFTA nationals who do not plan to undertake gainful activity in Switzerland can become Swiss residents if a canton confirms a fiscal interest in that individual taking up residence, under an arrangement known as lump-sum taxation.

Country Facts

- Languages: **German, French, Italian, Romansh**
- Currency: **Swiss Franc (CHF)**
- Population: **Approximately 9 million**
- Capital: **Bern**

Programme Overview

- Minimum annual tax liability from CHF 250,000
- Processing time 3–6 months
- B permit valid for one year, renewable annually
- Eligible to apply for permanent residence (C permit) after 10 years
- C permit holders may apply for Swiss citizenship
- The right to live and study in Switzerland
- Residence in a Schengen country
- Physical presence requirement: must maintain a place of residence in Switzerland and not be absent for more than six consecutive months
- No gainful employment permitted in Switzerland

Family Inclusion

B permit holders do not have an automatic right to family reunification. Cantonal migration authorities may grant residence permits to the spouse and unmarried children under 18 of the main applicant, subject to proof of adequate accommodation and sufficient financial resources.

Investment Routes

Investment Route	Minimum Contribution	Due Dilgence Fees	Post Approval / Government Fees	Additional Info
Lump-Sum Taxation	**CHF 250,000 – CHF 1,000,000 minimum net annual tax liability, varying by canton of residence and individual circumstances**	**TBC**	**B permit issue fee; B permit renewal fee (annual)**	Applicant must not engage in gainful activity in Switzerland; must rent or acquire real estate in the country; available to those taking up Swiss residence for the first time or after a 10-year absence

DUE DILIGENCE FEES will apply: USD 7,500 per Main Applicant and USD 4,000 per dependant aged 16+, including spouses

Note: Other fees apply, such as visa application fees, real estate rental or acquisition costs, and professional consulting fees. Language and integration requirements may apply.

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