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COVID-19 and work permits

The processing of permit applications for employees from the EU/EFTA was discontinued on 25 March 2020. The processing of license applications for third countries was already discontinued as of 19 March 2020. At present, no applications for permits can be submitted.

For third countries, all license applications were suspended until 15 June 2020. In the case of the EU/EFTA, no possible end date has been communicated, but 15 June 2020 is currently also expected.

Notifications for cross-border assignments from EU/EFTA for the provision of services and for taking up employment with an employer in Switzerland can be rejected by the authorities unless there is an important reason for the person to enter the country under Comments in the notification. A refusal does not trigger a written confirmation or refusal. You will simply not receive a message. If the application is approved, you will receive a confirmation of registration. Without a positive confirmation of registration, entry into Switzerland is not possible. All activities from the first day are subject to compulsory registration.

Rejected notifications are deleted as soon as the end date of the assignment is in the past.

It is to be expected that many permits will be submitted once the block is lifted. It is recommended that these are prepared today so that you are among the first to be processed by the administrative office. In the case of cantons to which the application must be submitted by post, it is recommended that these be withheld. In the Canton of Zurich, everything can be entered and saved in the online counter and, if the block is lifted, a press of a button is enough to send the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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