



Vander Elst Visa

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Third-country nationals employed by a company based in Switzerland can be sent for a short-term assignment to Germany. The Vander Elst Visa allows third country nationals to do for 90 days. If the work lasts longer than 90 days, the extension of the visa is necessary at the migration office at your place of stay in Germany.

Applications can be submitted in person, with prior [appointment](#) and the following application documents:

- Personally signed **passport** (original with one copy of the passport data page), with at least two completely empty pages and sufficient validity
- Valid **Swiss residence** permit one copy
- **Application form** fully completed and signed including declaration to section 54 residence Act: [application form](#) with one copy
- One passport sized [photo](#) – no older than three months, according to biometric standards
- Signed service contract between the service provider and the third-party company, with one copy
- **Working contract** with the Swiss employer with details of permanent and non-terminated employment with one copy
- Proof of **health insurance** in Switzerland and Germany with one copy
- Postage expenses of 7 Swiss Francs
- Visa fee of 75 Euro payable by cash in Swiss Francs, by Visa or MasterCard (information [here](#))

Please prepare the originals with **one set** of copies of all the indicated documents. Original documents will be return to you while a copy per set will be required. Missing documentation delays the procedure and can result in your application being rejected.

The German Embassy Bern reserve the right to ask for additional documents at any time during the processing of your application.

In this visa category, most applications are typically processed within 2 weeks. Please do not contact the mission abroad to check the status of your application during the normal processing period. Such inquiries are extremely time-consuming for the visa department and cannot be answered. We will contact you by email as soon as the decision has been made.

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