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# News from the Embassy

## Dear Fellow Citizens,

We would like to draw your attention to consular services that the Embassy provides. With a simple click on the applicable title you can open the relevant information.

### Registration

Registration with the Embassy is compulsory.

Your data, always kept up to date (addresses, phone numbers, e-mail address, civil status, etc), will allow the Embassy to help you with the issuing of a new passport, contact you in case of an emergency and quickly register your civil status changes in Switzerland. Should you know Swiss citizens living abroad that are not registered, please encourage them to do so.

### Civil status affairs

Swiss citizens must report to the Embassy any change affecting their civil status (marriage, divorce, birth, death, change of name).

### Change of address

Reporting a change of address will enable you to continue receiving documentation on your right to vote (if you are inscribed in an electoral register) as well as the "Swiss Review" magazine.

### Swiss identity documents (Passports and IDs)

Switzerland issues biometric passports containing a chip with photo, fingerprints and signature of the bearer. These biometric data are collected, in New Zealand, at the Embassy in Wellington. Should you need a new Swiss identity document, please refer to the instructions on our webpage. Please note that you do not need a Swiss passport or Identity card in order to retain your Swiss nationality.

### Swiss Military Small Band 2018

Please note that the Swiss Military Small Band will perform in different locations in New Zealand from 28 July to 1 August 2018. Information will be available closer to the events on the Embassy's webpage.

### Swiss Citizenship

The Federal Assembly has decided in 2014 to tighten the rules regarding Swiss citizenship. The new law will enter into force on 1 January 2018. Act before 31 December 2017.

[www.eda.admin.ch/wellington](http://www.eda.admin.ch/wellington)



1. Login

The screenshot shows the FDFA website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to 'The Federal Administration', 'FDFA', and 'Switzerland around the world'. Below this is a header for 'Switzerland and New Zealand' with the Swiss coat of arms. The main content area has a 'Services' section with a sub-section for 'FDFA services abroad'. A dropdown menu titled 'FDFA services abroad' is open, showing a list of services. A callout box points to the 'Attestations and certificates' option, stating 'Abroad appears six information about e and the activities of it also answers'.

2. Select

3. Choose the requested service

### Visas

Foreign nationals residing in New Zealand, Fiji, the Cook Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu who need a biometric Schengen visa to travel to Switzerland can apply online and book online the appointment with the Embassy in Wellington for the registration of their biometric data.

### Itineris

Itineris is an online registration system where Swiss citizens travelling can enter their data. In case of an emergency they can then easily be contacted.

### Emergency situations

In emergency situations the 24-hour Swiss government Helpline (Tel: +41 800 24 7 365) assists Swiss citizens.

### Swiss Review

Swiss citizens abroad registered with a Swiss representation are entitled to receive the "Swiss Review". This magazine is distributed free of charge and provides information of an official nature as well as information of general interest to citizens living abroad. Should the Swiss Review be undeliverable and returned to the sender three times in a row, you may be removed from the mailing list and deregistered from the Embassy's database.

### Other useful links:

Services offered by the Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington:

- Old age pension and other social insurances
- Agenda – Embassy's activities with future and past events
- Swiss citizens abroad
- Rights and obligations of Swiss citizens abroad
- Structure of the state and current-day politics in Switzerland
- Service website provided by Federal authorities, cantons and local communities
- Cooperative Society Solidarity Fund Soliswiss
- International health insurance Swisscare
- Swiss news in ten languages
- General information about Switzerland

Please note that administrative questions should be addressed directly to the Embassy in Wellington and not the Consulate or Consulates General.