

## 1 - INFORMATION FOR NEWCOMERS

If you're new in Switzerland you need to report to the Residents' Office of your municipality.

For your registration you will need

the application form

your passport

and documents confirming your previous address.

In the canton Basel City there are welcoming events for newcomers in German, English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. In the canton of Basel Land newcomers receive from the local Immigration Office an invitation for a individual meeting. The meetings take place in the language of the newcomers and provide general information about life in Switzerland. Ask your municipality for more information!

After registration all Immigrants receive a foreign national identity card. There are several types of identity cards:

ID L	for short stay, with or without employment
ID B	residence permit - with or without employment - renewable every year
ID C	for settled foreign nationals, not subject to any conditions
ID G	for cross-border commuters who work in Switzerland
ID F	for asylum seekers who have been dismissed, but couldn't be sent back to their home countries
ID N	for asylum seekers waiting for assessment

The foreign national identity card is issued by the State Secretariat for Migration and needs to be renewed regularly. Immigrants are responsible for renewing their ID!

If you would like to bring your family to Switzerland you have to fulfil certain conditions and apply for it. You can find more information in German, French, Italian and English at the website of the State Secretariat for Migration [www.sem.admin.ch](http://www.sem.admin.ch). Information in other languages can be found at [www.migraweb.ch](http://www.migraweb.ch).