



Youth Mobility Program Switzerland

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Under the terms of this agreement, young Canadians who have completed their postsecondary studies or vocational education can obtain a residency and work permit in Switzerland to improve their language and professional skills. This agreement also allows young students, in the course of their studies, to complete an occupational training as part of their curriculum.

Admission criteria

In order to be eligible for an internship in Switzerland under the YMP, you

- have to be a Canadian Citizen between the age of 18 and 35 (incl.), AND
- have a secondary education and have completed a 2-year training, OR
- study at a post-secondary institution, OR
- have completed your post-secondary studies

Why Choose Switzerland?

Switzerland is more than chocolates, cheese and watches. Education, cutting-edge research and innovation are driving the country. Here are some reasons why Switzerland is the place to take your career to the next level.

Economically competitive and innovative business environment.

High quality education and training.

At the crossroads of cultures and languages (French, Italian, German, Romansh).

High density of world renowned multinational organizations and international companies.

High living standard in terms of public transport, security and nature.

Comparatively high wage prospects.

Located in the heart of Europe, offering easy access to various countries.



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Terms and Conditions

- Before you apply for a work permit under the YMP, it is your responsibility to find a training position in Switzerland.
- Employment must be in the field of studies or activity in which you have received training.
- You can work in Switzerland within the YMP context for up to 18 months.
- To apply for the program, please consult the YMP section of the Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa's website.
- Processing time is 6 to 8 weeks from the day your application is submitted

Advantages for Businesses in Switzerland and Canada

For a Swiss or Canadian company that wishes to deploy its young professionals to the other country, youth mobility programs offer the opportunity to send staff to either Canada or Switzerland for a defined period (up to 18 months) via a simplified and fast-tracked work permit procedure.

It is a relatively quick and cost-effective way to have a young employee gain some valuable international work experience in another part of the company's operations and bring that knowledge back to either Switzerland or Canada.

NB: Canada offers a comparable program for Swiss youth and administers it via its embassy in Bern.

For more detailed information, please consult the following websites:

For young Canadians wishing to work in Switzerland:

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/arbeit/berufspraktikum.html>

For young Swiss wishing to work in Canada:

www.switzerland.gc.ca

To contact the Swiss Embassy directly:

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