

List of documents to collect and keep

If you live in Switzerland without a residence permit, remember to keep evidences of your stay as well as your social and professional integration. These evidences are important if you are seeking a stable legal status.

Here is a list of documents required for an application for regularization of an undocumented migrant.

Proof of stay in Switzerland

- any document proving that the person has been in Switzerland for more than 10 years (bills, subscriptions, etc.).

Professional integration/financial situation

- CV + diplomas, if any
- the person's financial means of support (supporting evidence, e.g., work schedule, letter from employer, work certificate, etc.)
- possibly a promise of employment from a potential employer, indicating the amount of net monthly salary (if applicable also 13th salary)
- if applicable, AVS statement of account

Social integration

- lease agreement
- copy of current year's monthly health insurance premium/copy of health insurance card
- extract from the register of proceedings
- extract from the criminal record (no criminal convictions other than illegal residence)
- letters of support (ideally by Swiss persons)
- testimonial letters (ideally by Swiss persons)
- certificates from sports and cultural associations, voluntary work, others
- possibly SBB travelcard

Language skills

- language certificate (min. A1 oral level)

In case returning to the country is impossible

- possibly written proof of refusal of reception by family members
- possibly a medical report from a doctor in Switzerland attesting to the treatment not guaranteed in the home country

Administrative

- completed, dated and signed form "[Declaration of arrival and application for a residence permit for foreign nationals coming from abroad](#)"