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## Embassy News

### Education Or Training In Switzerland ?

Switzerland has an excellent educational system and offers various opportunities to obtain a world-class education. We recommend gathering information as early as possible.

educationsuisse offers the following services to young Swiss abroad, as well as students of Swiss schools abroad, who wish to pursue or complete their education in Switzerland:

- Information on the different educational possibilities (university studies and vocational trainings)
- Information on specific questions (admission requirements, language skills, deadlines, accommodation, insurances, ...)
- Individual counselling (also in cooperation with a professional vocational- & study counselling service)
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### Swiss citizenship

#### Act before it's too late

The Federal Assembly has decided in 2014 to tighten the rules regarding Swiss citizenship. It had been widely felt in the country that foreigners can obtain it too easily and without being sufficiently integrated in our society. In future, citizenship applicants have to know one of our national languages, may not be social aid beneficiaries, must respect our public order and the principles of our Constitution, participate in the economic life, encourage the integration of their families into Swiss society, respect our way of life and of course not be a potential threat to the security of our

nation. These changes were all overdue. This revision of the citizenship law had been caused by abuses in Switzerland and had nothing to do with the descendants of Swiss citizens living in other countries, for example New Zealand, who might want to recover Swiss citizenship. However, the Federal Assembly has decided that also these people must fulfill the same conditions in the future if they want to become Swiss citizens. In particular, they must legally reside in Switzerland. This is an important change compared to the actual situation when Swiss descendants with close ties to Switzerland, for example to a Swiss Club, had been able to recover the citizenship of their ancestors while living abroad, for example in New Zealand.

**The new law will enter into force on 1 January 2018.** Complete applications by residents of New Zealand in this situation can be received by the Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington before, but not anymore after that date.

The Embassy furthermore strongly encourages Swiss parents resident in New Zealand to register the birth of their children with the Embassy without delay. Certainly New Zealand hospitals will not do that for them. Children thus registered will automatically be Swiss citizens. This registration has currently been possible until the age of 22. Under the new law it will be raised to the age of 25. After that date, they will be able to apply for Swiss citizenship only when residing in Switzerland.

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### Mobile passport station

The mobile passport station will be implemented in Kaponga and Timaru in October 2017

*Dear compatriots,*

In October 2017 it is the turn of the Embassy of Switzerland to fly the extra mile!

Swiss citizens residing in New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Niue and American Samoa will have the opportunity to apply for a new Swiss Passport and/or ID card in Kaponga or in Timaru instead of flying to Wellington for this purpose. This service will be offered exclusively from the 2nd till the 6th of October 2017.

All Swiss citizens registered with the Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington will be informed about the exact details and procedure by e-mail three months before the date.

Please make sure that your personal data and e-mail address are up-to-date and that also your family members are duly registered with the Embassy in order to receive the detailed announcement and to be able to benefit from this service.

Should you miss the opportunity of having your biometric data captured in Kaponga or Timaru, you can always apply for a new identity document at our Wellington office under the regular procedure. Please refer to our website: [www.eda.admin.ch/wellington](http://www.eda.admin.ch/wellington) under "Services".

You may also have your biometric data registered in Switzerland or in another Swiss representation abroad. Please note, however, that you have to lodge an online application on [www.schweizerpass.ch](http://www.schweizerpass.ch) beforehand, with the indication "Wellington" as your place of registration and a remark mentioning where and when you wish to have your biometric data taken. After our verification, your passport application will be forwarded to the passport office you have selected and you will get a confirmation.

## SWISS CAFE & BAKERY

### Job vacancy

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#### Full Time Artisan Baker and Pastry Chef

The Swiss Café and Bakery in Milford, Auckland, is seeking an experienced artisan baker and pastry chef. We are a unique, authentic Swiss bakery that focuses on European products and dishes.

Applicants will need to be a fully qualified and experienced baker/pastry chef. To be a successful applicant it is essential that you have completed an apprenticeship in a European style bakery and have a further three years' experience as a baker and pastry chef.

You will need to have good knowledge of preparing and baking bread, pastries, cakes, slices, savouries and speciality products. Furthermore, you need to be motivated and organized. You will need to work well under pressure in this role. Good verbal communication is also important as is a positive, friendly attitude. We are looking for someone who is passionate about the industry and takes pride in their work.

For full job description get in touch with

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