

HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
Meeting of 27 February 2020

**Recommendation of the Higher Education Council on Admission of Foreign
Nationals to Medical Studies in Switzerland
of 27 February 2020**

- I. The following foreign nationals shall enjoy the same privileges as Swiss citizens with regards to admission to medical studies in Switzerland:
 - a) Citizens of the Principality of Liechtenstein;
 - b) Foreign nationals holding a Swiss or Liechtenstein settlement permit;
 - c) Foreign nationals who are citizens of a Member State of the European Union, Iceland or Norway and hold a Swiss work permit for EU/EFTA citizens, if the said foreign nationals have spent at least one year working in Switzerland in a professional activity that is closely related to the desired medical studies (Annex I, Art. 9 para. 3 of the EU-CH Bilateral Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons, AFMP, SR 0.142.112.681). The professional activities considered to be closely related to medical studies in Switzerland are listed in Art. 2 of the Federal Act of 23 June 2008 on University Courses for Medical Professions (Medical Professions Act, MedPA, SR 811.11);
 - d) Foreign nationals, of any citizenship, whose parents are citizens of a Member State of the European Union, Iceland, Norway or the Principality of Liechtenstein, if the said foreign nationals hold a Swiss residence permit issued to family members of an EU/EFTA citizen under the terms of family reunification (Annex I, Art. 3 para. 6);
 - e) Foreign nationals residing in Switzerland who, in accordance with Art. 23 to 26 of the Swiss Civil Code (CC, SR 210), satisfy one of the following criteria:
 1. they have held a Swiss work permit for an uninterrupted period of at least five years,
 2. they hold a Swiss or cantonal baccalaureate or other nationally recognised university entrance qualification (Ordinance of 15 February 1995 on the Recognition of Baccalaureates and EDK Regulation of 16 January 1995 on the Recognition of Baccalaureates,
 3. they hold one of the following qualifications:
 - federal vocational baccalaureate
 - Liechtenstein baccalaureate recognised by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)
 - specialised baccalaureate recognised at national level in Switzerland,combined with a passing score on the University Aptitude Test (UAT) (Ordinance of 2 February 2011 on the University Aptitude Test for Holders of Federal Vocational Baccalaureates or Nationally Recognised Specialised Baccalaureates for Admission to Swiss Tier-One Universities, SR 413.14),

4. they are the spouse or registered same-sex partner of a Swiss citizen,
 5. they are the spouse or registered same-sex partner of a foreign national who holds a Swiss settlement permit,
 6. they are the spouse or registered same-sex partner of a foreign national who has held a Swiss work permit and resided in Switzerland for an uninterrupted period of at least five years;
- f) Foreign nationals residing in Switzerland who, in accordance with Art. 23 to 26 of the Swiss Civil Code (CC, SR 210), have satisfied one of the following criteria for the past two years:
1. one or both parents hold a Swiss settlement permit,
 2. one or both parents have resided in Switzerland and have held a Swiss work permit for an uninterrupted period of at least five years;
- g) Foreign nationals whose parents hold diplomatic status in Switzerland (type B, C or D legitimization card issued by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs);
- h) Foreign nationals who are recognised as refugees in Switzerland.
- II. The following conditions apply:
- a) The reference date for determining eligibility is the one established by Swiss universities as the closing date for submission of applications for medical studies.
 - b) The foreign nationals referred to in para. 1 let. a to h must be in possession of the documents entitling them to apply for admission to medical studies in Switzerland no later than the application closing date. The university entrance qualifications mentioned in Section I let. e no. 2 and 3 above may be submitted later.
- III. The general admission requirements of the higher education institution chosen by the prospective students shall remain reserved.
- IV. The Recommendation of the Higher Education Council dated 19 November 2015 shall no longer apply.