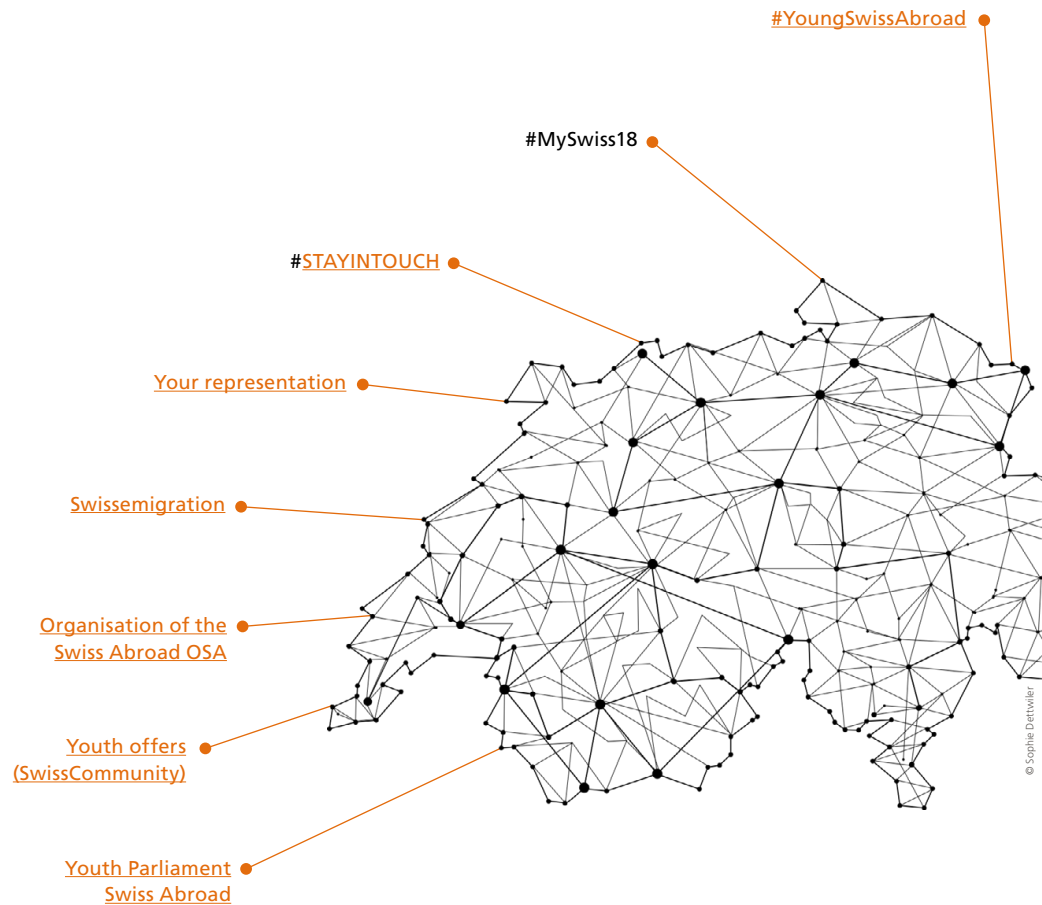


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Swiss abroad turning 18

Your rights, obligations and options



18+



How to find out.
Things you need to consider.
Are you planning to work or study in Switzerland?
How to contact other Swiss abroad.

As a Swiss citizen resident abroad you also have certain rights and obligations. These change when you turn 18: you will have your own passport and be able to exercise your political rights. You will also have the possibility to study in Switzerland, complete a course of training, or work. We can show you where to find the information you need.

Rights and obligations of the Swiss abroad

Sign and return, within 90 days, the registration confirmation that you will receive from your Swiss representation when you turn 18, or register via the FDFA's online desk. At the online desk you can quickly and easily apply for a passport, inform the representation of a new email address, a change of postal address or of civil status (marriage, birth, etc.).

[Representations abroad and travel advice](#)

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You can also enter your name on the Swiss voting register. You will then be able to take part in Swiss political life and vote in federal elections and referendums.

[The Swiss political system](#)

At 18, Swiss men are eligible for military service. Young male members of the Swiss abroad community who take up residence in Switzerland can be called up for military service up to the age of 25.

[Military service](#)

Internships, employment, education and training in Switzerland

Switzerland can offer a very wide range of job opportunities for qualified people or options for education and vocational training either in the form of professional training or studies at a university or university of applied sciences. For this you do not need a residence or work permit.

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On the following page you will find the names of important partners and institutions. Explore the possibilities open to you and exchange ideas and experiences with others.