

Work authorization

(not required for Master Projects without monthly remuneration)



- The federal council allows foreign students of Swiss academic institution to perform a mandatory internship during their studies: <https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/20070993/index.html#a39>
- Students with Non-EU/EFTA passports require a valid **work authorization** to do their internship or Master project with monthly salary in Switzerland or EU countries.
- EU students performing a 3-6 month internship have to be **announced** at the cantonal office
- It is the company's responsibility to request this authorization at the proper working office of their canton/country.
- It requires up to 8 weeks to obtain this authorization from the cantonal offices.
- It is recommended that students from non-EU/EFTA countries inform the companies in their motivation letter of these regulations.

Example: "As I'm a non-EU/EFTA resident, your company is required to ask for a temporary work authorization. Please be advised that The federal council allows foreign students of Swiss academic institution to perform a mandatory internship during their studies: <https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/20070993/index.html#a39>. As I will stay registered at EPFL during this internship, and since this internship is a mandatory part of my Master education, the delivery of this document does not fall into the quota limitation of each canton and is therefore straightforward".

