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Introduction AA19-EU/EFTA

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Information concerning the resident permit

Starting in November 2019 the new resident permit in credit card format AA19-EU/EFTA will be issued to all members of the European Union (EU) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). The rollout will be done canton by canton until mid 2021. The new format will also be distributed to third country nationals in possession of a cross-border commuter permit (Category G) or working spouses and children of members of foreign representations and international organisations (Category Ci).

What information does the permit contain?



- 1 Foreigner categorie
- 2 Document title
- 3 Document number
- 4 ZEMIS number
- 5 Facial image
- 6 ZEMIS number, date of birth and expiration date in small print
- 7 Last and first name of permit holder according to national identity document
- 8 Sex
- 9 Description of document type
- 10 Field for remarks by the migration office
- 11 Nationality
- 12 Date of birth
- 13 Validity
- 14 Secondary image of the permit holder with stereo effect
- 15 Signature of the permit holder



- 16 Name according to the civil register (if available) and further remarks by the migration of-
fice
- 17 Date, place and office (two letter canton abbreviation) of issuance
- 18 Place of birth
- 19 Date of entry
- 20 ZEMIS number and cantonal reference
- 21 Machine readable zone

Application and issuance procedure

Existing permits will stay valid until their expiration date. The new permit will be issued when the existing permit will need to be renewed or the information on the permit needs to be changed AND the canton of residence already switched to the new permit AA19-EU/EFTA.

The application and issuance of the resident permit follow the procedures of the canton of residence. The facial image and the signature will be recorded by the responsible cantonal authority. The national travel document will be used for the identification. The AA19-EU/EFTA will be personalized centrally by a Swiss company and will be delivered according to the current procedures of the canton of residence. The fees for the AA19-EU/EFTA will be split into fees for the approval procedure, including the personalization of the card, and the recording of facial image and signature.

When moving to a canton which has not yet changed to the new permit card, the canton will issue a permit in the old paper format.