

## COUNTRY PROFILE SWITZERLAND

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<b>General Information:</b>	
Country:	Switzerland
Organisation, address, website:	Federal Office for Migration Quellenweg 6 CH-3003 Bern Wabern T+41(0)31 325 11 11, Home page: info@bfm.admin.ch
Governing institution:	Department of Justice and Police
Total number of employees:	605
Annual budget (EUR):	506 mill Euro
Daily accommodation costs per one asylum seeker (EUR):	12 Euro for food about 18 Euro other expenses except administration
<b>Asylum grant proceedings:</b>	
Legal duration of asylum grant proceedings:	Depending on the cases
Organisation liable for asylum grant proceedings (if other than above)	Same as above
Legal regulations governing asylum grant proceedings, their last amendment	01.01.2007 Not entering in the substance of the case if no passport or ID documents To reopen your case you have to pay 1.200 SF After 5 years stay in the country, your canton could apply for your permanent stay. 01.01.2008:stop in financial aid for asylum seekers with negative answer. Are still receiving assistance in special aid centres, not only for asylum seekers.  Once the second part of the revised asylum legislation comes into force in 2008, this form of emergency assistance will be extended to all rejected asylum seekers.
Total number of asylum applications during: (indicate numbers and year)	The last 3 years it was 10.000 each year
Total number of granted asylum in accordance with the Geneva Convention during: (indicate numbers and year)	15-17% the last 3 years. This includes family reunions and births
Total number of provided subsidiary forms of protection: (indicate numbers and year)	About 2.000 in 2007
5 top countries of origin of asylum seekers: 01.01.-31.08.2007	1.Ethiopia 990 2.Serbia 689 3.Iraq 655 4.Romania 535 5.Turkey 440
<b>Accommodation of asylum seekers</b>	
Total of accommodation capacity (number of beds):	<b>Reception centres:</b> Vallorbe 217

	Basel: 236 Kreuzlingen 235 Chiasso 197 Altstätten 115 <b>Canton centre</b> Ste. Croix 125
Types of accommodation: (more than one answer possible)	X houses <input type="checkbox"/> hotels <input type="checkbox"/> bungalows <input type="checkbox"/> boats <input type="checkbox"/> caravans <input type="checkbox"/> tents X military barracks X (shared) rooms  <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):
Number of facilities:	4 reception centres and 1 transit centre And canton centres
Average length of stay of asylum seeker in asylum reception facility:	maximum 60 days according to law
Asylum seekers has possibility to live in private housing:	x yes, single minors, handicapped, and people with special needs if they have family living in private houses x no
Asylum seeker's freedom of movement:	X without restriction, In canton Vaud , present by the weekly payment X restricted: In reception centres: daily registration, must be present special periods of the day, can stay outside with permission during weekends and holy days. In Chiasso they can be out of the centre for days, and they are losing the daily payment of 3SF for each day when they arrive. <input type="checkbox"/> obligatory permanent presence in asylum facility <input type="checkbox"/> detention
<b>Services provided:</b>	
Types of catering:	X individual cooking at some canton centres X catering provided at reception centres <input type="checkbox"/> combined
System of provision of financial and material aid:	<input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> payment in kind X combined
Asylum seeker's access to the labour market:	<input type="checkbox"/> no X yes, specify conditions: after 3 months
Lessons of local language available:	X compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> voluntary X none at reception centres
Vocational training available:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes X no, but some centres are trying in combination with local authorities
Extent of health care provided:	<input type="checkbox"/> standard – same as health care provided for citizens X different, specify:, only first aid for reception centres
Obligatory initial medical examinations:	<input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> lung X-ray (TB) <input type="checkbox"/> venereal diseases <input type="checkbox"/> taking of biological material samples X other, specify:, TB screening by computer at reception centres
<b>Vulnerable groups:</b>	

<p>Definition of vulnerable groups – please indicate the categories which are considered vulnerable in the reception system:</p>	<p>X Unaccompanied minors  X Single women  X Pregnant women  X Families with children, not the men  <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly  X Incomplete families (single women with minor children)  <input type="checkbox"/> Mentally handicapped  <input type="checkbox"/> Physically handicapped/disabled  <input type="checkbox"/> Victims of trauma and other people with mental health problems  X Others, specify: for mentally and physically sick persons the cases were treated as quick as possible</p>
<p><b>Please indicate number of asylumseekers for each category a) the whole country b) the reception facility – when available - not available.</b></p>	
<p>Unaccompanied minors</p>	<p>Vallorbe: If family in local area, they live with family, not in centres.  Special centres for these group in canton Vaud.  Chiasso: If family in the area, at family.  Else they stay with the adults – and they try to give them a quick case.</p>
<p>Single women</p>	<p>Gathered in their own corridors in the centres at reception centre Vallorbe  Canton centre in Sate. Croix, they mix families and singles in same corridors.  In centre Chiasso they mix families and singles in same corridors.</p>
<p>Families with children</p>	<p>Vallorbe: 10 families  Chiasso: 4 families</p>
<p>Elderly</p>	<p>None information</p>
<p>Incomplete families (single women with minor children)</p>	<p>Chiasso: Single women with minors lives in same rooms as other women,</p>
<p>Mentally handicapped</p>	<p>None information - the cases were treated as quick as possible</p>
<p>Physically handicapped/disabled</p>	<p>None information- the cases were treated as quick as possible</p>
<p>Victims of trauma and other people with mental health problems</p>	<p>None information - the cases were treated as quick as possible</p>
<p>Others, specify</p>	<p>None information</p>