

## Corporate Immigration - Switzerland

### Quotas to remain steady in 2014

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The Federal Council has announced that the total number of work permits submitted to quotas for 2014 will remain at 12,000 – the same number as in 2012 and 2013.

In order to remain innovative and internationally competitive, the Swiss economy is dependent on qualified specialists. Therefore, the council has confirmed the dual system for the admission of foreign workers. In addition to the employment of EU and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) nationals based on the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons, the council allows the employment of specialists from non-EU/EFTA states.

#### Non-EU/EFTA nationals

In order to provide the Swiss economy with the requisite amount of permits in 2014, the council decided to allocate 8,500 permits (5,000 L-permits and 3,500 B-permits) for highly qualified non-EU/EFTA nationals (the same split as in 2012 and 2013).

#### Service providers from EU/EFTA states

As in 2012 and 2013, the council is reserving 3,000 L-permit quotas and 500 B-permit quotas for service providers of EU/EFTA member countries. In order to be eligible for these special permits, a worker must be seeking to provide services in Switzerland for more than 90 days or 120 days respectively in a calendar year, and must remain on the payroll of a foreign employer based abroad.

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