

Setting up a business as a cross-border commuter

Cross-border commuters wanting to set up a company or take up an independent activity in Switzerland need a permit. For further information please contact the department for work permits at the Cantonal Office for Industry, Trade and Employment (KIGA).

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It is possible for cross-border commuters to be self-employed and set up a company in Switzerland. They need to prove to the Swiss authorities that self-employment in their chosen field is possible in Switzerland. Evidence can be submitted in the form of conclusive corporate documents such as business plans, applications to the Commercial Register, the opening of an office or a workshop, the establishment of a company, accounting documents, etc.

Detailed information can be obtained at the cantonal Immigration Office:

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