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Compulsory health insurance in Switzerland

# Information for persons living in Switzerland for the purpose of basic/continuing education and training

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In principle, any person who lives or works in Switzerland is required to have health insurance in Switzerland. A person is required to take out basic compulsory insurance under the Health Insurance Act (HIA) with a Swiss health insurance company within three months of arriving in Switzerland. **However, special provisions apply to persons who are staying in Switzerland for the purpose of basic/continuing education and training.** You will find further information on this under “Ausnahmen von der Versicherungspflicht” at [www.be.ch/asv](http://www.be.ch/asv).

**In the Canton of Bern, the Social Insurance Office (ASV) is responsible for ensuring compliance with the obligation to have health insurance.**

## What do you have to do?

After you have registered with your commune of residence in the Canton of Bern, you must complete the form in our **online tool** ([www.be.ch/onlinetool](http://www.be.ch/onlinetool)) in order to confirm compliance with your obligation to have health insurance. To do this you need your **Swiss social insurance number** (756.xxxx.xxxx.xx). If you do not know what this is, please contact your commune of residence.

## Do you have any further questions or do you need to contact us?

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you do, please remember to have your social insurance number (756.xxxx.xxxx.xx) to hand.

Online tool	<a href="http://www.be.ch/onlinetool">www.be.ch/onlinetool</a>
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