

Changes in Institute affiliation

Any change of institute shall be communicated immediately to the Users Office. If all conditions for a continued contract of association with CERN are fulfilled, your information will simply be updated without interruption to your contract of association. Requirements are stated in the Home Institution Declaration. Further information is available on the link below :

[Contract Amendments | Users Office \(cern.ch\)](#)

What are the administrative consequences of the measures adopted on 15th December for individuals affiliated to a Russian institute?

- CERN contracts of association ending after 30 November 2024 will be terminated automatically on that date.
- Individuals holding legitimations cards must surrender their cards to the Users Office either in person or by post, prior to their departure from CERN.

For individuals affiliated to a Byelorussian institute?

- CERN contracts of association ending after 27 June 2024 will be terminated automatically on that date.
- Individuals holding legitimations cards must surrender their cards to the Users Office either in person or by post, prior to their departure from CERN.

I am affiliated to JINR. The CERN Council on 15th December confirmed the termination of the CERN's International Cooperation Agreements with the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus at their expiration dates. Does this apply to me?

Council decided to review CERN's future cooperation with the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) well before its current end date in January 2025. We will update this information as soon as there is news on the timeline and of course, decision.

I am affiliated to a home institution in Russia (excluding JINR) or Belarus. Can I be granted a contract of association, e.g. as a USER?

Further to the Council Resolutions taken in March 2022, CERN cannot issue new contracts of association, such as a USER contract, with people affiliated to a Russian/Belorussian institute.

I am affiliated to a home institution in Russia (excluding JINR) or Belarus. Can I extend my contract of association?

Your contract extension will not go beyond the following end dates:

Institute	Validity of ICAs	Contract extensions or external registrations – maximum end dates :
Russia	30 November 2024	30 November 2024
Belarus	27 June 2024	27 June 2024

I am affiliated to JINR. Can I extend my contract of association?

Institute	Validity of ICAs	Contract extensions or external registrations – maximum end dates :
JINR	27 January 2025	31 December 2024

Contract termination

My current contract will not be renewed or terminated at the end of the CERN's International Cooperation Agreements. I still hold (a) valid Swiss and/or French card(s). Am I entitled to stay in the local area until the card(s) expire?

Once your contract ends, your cards must be cancelled and returned to the Host States authorities immediately, independently of the date of expiry of the card/ even if they bear a future expiry date.

However, to enable you to settle personal matters in France or Switzerland and travel back to your home country, the Users Office can request the Swiss Mission to extend your stay for a "courtesy period" of two months after the termination of your contract.

Should you wish to benefit from this courtesy period, please contact the Users Office (If you are a User, COAS (except COAS Lit) or VISC) at least 2 months prior to your contract expiry date.

For statuses other than User, COAS and VISC, you may contact : hr-cards.support@cern.ch

My contract will be terminated and I intend to stay in Switzerland with my family. What is the procedure?

The requirements to be allowed to stay in Switzerland are very strict for non-EU/EFTA nationals. In any case, you will have to fulfil several administrative formalities concerning the rest of your stay, in compliance with Swiss common law.

1. In case you have gainful employment (i.e. an employment contract, and a salary):

<https://www.ge.ch/demander-permis-travail>

2. Without gainful employment, and exclusively in the following cases

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/missions/mission-onu-geneve/en/home/manual-regime-privileges-and-immunities/introduction/manual-stay/staying-end-functions.html>:

- In case of retirement of the principal beneficiary
- Independent status for the spouse and children
- Death, divorce or permanent transfer of the principal beneficiary

3. To request asylum/ status of asylum seeker:

Asylum Seekers can apply, orally or in writing, at one of the <https://www.ch.ch/en/foreign-nationals-in-switzerland/entry-and-stay-in-switzerland/applying-for-asylum-in-switzerland> Asylum procedure:

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/asyl/asylverfahren.html>

[Asylum procedure Schema](#)

[The accelerated Asylum procedure](#)

<https://asylum-info.ch/fr/federal-asylum-centers>

If you have applied for asylum (N permit), or are temporarily admitted (F), the cantonal authority will conclude a health insurance policy agreement for you.

<https://www.medic-help.ch/fr/medizinische-versorgung-in-der-schweiz/>

I have been living in Switzerland for 10 years. Am I eligible for Swiss citizenship?

Only holders of a settlement permit (permis C)* can apply. Legitimation cards issued by the DFAE and Ci permits are not considered equivalent to a permit C.

Federal legislation requires you to have lived at least ten years in Switzerland, including three of the five years prior to your application for Swiss citizenship.

The calculation of the duration of your stay in Switzerland includes the time spent living here while holding a legitimation card or Ci permit (if applicable). Depending on the canton, you must also have lived in your commune or canton of residence for two to five years before you can apply for naturalisation.

The procedures applicable vary depending on each situation.

Further information can be found : [Application for simplified or ordinary naturalisation in Switzerland \(ch.ch\)](#)

We invite you to contact your local cantonal or communal authority.

<https://home.cern/news/official-news/cern/new-law-swiss-nationality>

*<https://home.web.cern.ch/news/official-news/cern/swiss-naturalisation-following-exchange-c-permit-dfae-carte-de-legitimation>

My contract will be terminated, and I intend to stay in France with my family. What is the procedure?

The requirements to be allowed to stay in France are very strict for non-EU/EFTA nationals. In any case, you will have to fulfil several administrative formalities concerning the rest of your stay, in compliance with French common law.

Please contact the French prefecture of your place of residence to check if you fulfil the conditions necessary to obtain a *carte de séjour "Visiteur"* or refer to the asylum procedure. If you wish to apply for Asylum, you need to clearly state why you are seeking it and provide supporting documents.

<https://www.ofpra.gouv.fr/asile/la-procedure-de-demande-d-asile/demander-l-asile-en-france>

You can find useful information in the following "asylum seekers guide":

<https://cernbox.cern.ch/s/LQqVrwB6ACqWVxr>

Please contact the SPADA in order to make an appointment (Initial Reception Establishment for Asylum Seekers) of your place of residence : <https://www.ofpra.gouv.fr/en/applying-asylum#Spada>

Department of Ain : SPADA : 7, rue de la Paix 01000 BOURG EN BRESSE

Department of Haute-Savoie: la FOL 74 qui se situe au 10 avenue du Stand 74004 ANNECY

I have been living in France for at least 5 years without interruption. Am I eligible to obtain French citizenship ?

Holders of French special residence permits granted by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs are entitled to apply for French citizenship, but may not be automatically granted French nationality, even if they fulfil the conditions.

Please find further information on this page: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2213?lang=en>

Contacts

I need personal advice. Whom can I contact?

Please book an appointment by sending an email to gaelle.duperrier@cern.ch and subject