



Questions and answers about the biometric foreigners permit (NAA10)

- **When is the biometric foreigners permit introduced?**
On 24 January 2011.
- **Who will receive a new biometric foreigners permit?**
Only third country citizens with an L, B, C permit. Third country citizens with an F, N permit or an EC permit will not receive a biometric foreigners permit.
- **What does biometric recording cost and how can it be paid?**
Costs of biometric recording: CHF 20.00 per person (cash payment, EC/Postcard). The costs for the foreigners permit will be charged separately by the Local Residents' Office (Einwohneramt).
- **Can I present directly at the counter of the Passport office (Passbüro) without an appointment?**
No.
- **What data will be recorded?**
A portrait of the face, two fingerprints, and the signature will be recorded.
- **What do I have to bring along?**
The letter, your passport, 20 CHF per person, and as the case may be, the old foreigners permit.
- **Can I also request a biometric permit even if my current permit is still valid?**
No. The current permit remains valid until expiry.
- **Where is the Passport office (Passbüro) for biometrical recording?**
Regierungsgebäude, Obstmarkt 3, 9102 Herisau
- **How do I normally receive the new foreigners permit?**
The foreigners permit will be sent directly to your address of residence by registered mail.